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PREFACE.

At 12 o'clock, M., Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1879, the General Assembly of North Carolina was called to order by the Principal Clerks of the last session. The following officers were elected in the Senate: Secretary, R. M. Furman; Engrossing Clerk, J. S. Tomlinson; Reading Clerk, Platt. D. Cowan; Sergeant-at-Arms, H. D. Murrill; Assistant Door-keeper, W. V. Clifton. In the House of Representatives the following: Speaker, John M. Moring; Principal Clerk J. D. Cameron; Engrossing Clerk, W. J. Barrett; Reading Clerk, R. W. Best; Door keeper, John Hill; Assistant Door-keeper, N. P. Norton. The General Assembly continued in session, without intermission, sixty-six days, and adjourned at 2 o'clock, Friday, March 14th, 1879. The Constitutional limit of sixty days expired on the 8th inst., but that some very important business might be completed the members remained, without pay, six days longer.

On the 21st of January Gov. Z. B. Vance was elected United States Senator for the term beginning March 4th, and upon his resignation, Feb. 5th, Lieut. Governor, Thomas J. Jarvis, was called to fill the Executive Chair; and whereupon James L. Robinson, Esq., was elected Lieutenant Governor, and presided over the Senate during the remainder of the session.

The author wishes to say that the following pages have not been "fashioned to the taste of critics," for they were prepared very hastily, while the arduous duties of Engrossing Clerk of the Senate were pressing upon him, and in many cases it was impossible to get the necessary data in order to make the sketches complete.

J. S. T.

March 15th, 1879.

SENATE.

FIRST DISTRICT

RUFUS WHITE,

BELVIDERE, PERQUIMANS COUNTY, N. C.,

Was born in Perquimans county, Nov. 6th, 1827, and has always been a resident of that county. His parents were also natives of the same county and lived to advanced ages. His father was a member of the Society of Friends, and was a zealous advocate of liberty, peace and temperance. The subject of this sketch is also a member of the same religious denomination. He was married Jan. 19th, 1854, to Miss Lydia Wilson, daughter of William Wilson, Esq., a prominent citizen of Woodville, Perquimans county. He has seven children living, the eldest, a son, graduated at Haverford College, near Philadelphia, with the class of 1878. This is Mr. W's. first term in the Legislature. He received a very flattering vote in his county, having received 630 majority over his opponent. This shows that he stands high in the estimation of his people, and that they had great confidence in his ability to legislate in their behalf. By occupation he is a plain farmer, and is a very hard working man. He is on the committees, Finance, Public Printing, Claims and Insane Asylum.—Republican.

GEORGE HENRY MITCHELL,

WINTON, HERTFORD COUNTY, N. C.,

Was born in Bertie county, in that part which was formerly

known as the Snake-bite District, on the 8th of September, 1828. His father, James L. Mitchell, died, leaving him and a younger brother when very small. He now owns a very fine farm in Hertford county, near St. John's, known as the "Roswell Castle," and does an extensive business at farming. He was married to Miss Martha M. McGlohon in July, 1852, and the fruits of this union were three children, the oldest of which died in 1870, at the Murfreesboro Baptist Institute. Her name was Georgiana Mitchell. Martha L. Mitchell, is still living; the youngest, a son, Dr. J. H. Mitchell, is also living. His wife died in December, 1863, and he was again married in December, 1864, to Mrs. Nancy Vann, a sister of his first wife, by whom he had two children, Mary Emily and James Arthur Luke. His second wife died in November, 1873. He then married Miss Nancy A., daughter of James Northcott, Esq., on the 22nd of December, 1874, by whom he has one child. Mr. M. was elected captain of a military company when only 18 years old, after which he was promoted to Lieut. Colonel of a Militia Regiment and soon afterwards to Colonel. Did not go into the war—furnished a substitute. He carried the mail by contract for three years during the war, and furnished provisions for the Confederate army. Since the war he has served a number of years as Justice of the Peace, by appointment and by the popular vote of the people. Was a candidate for a seat in the Constitutional Convention of 1875, but defeated by Hon. J. J. Yeates. Was elected to his present seat in the Senate by a large majority. He has always been a farmer, and has been keeping hotel in Winton for several years past. Committees—Insurance, State Debt, Magistrates and Public Buildings. A very quiet and attentive member.—Republican.

SECOND DISTRICT.

JAMES THOMAS RESPASS.

YEATESVILLE, BEAUFORT COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Beaufort county January 9th 1837. Educated at Col. Lee's school in Asheville. Volunteered and entered the Confederate service in April 1861 as a member of Company I. 3rd. Regiment North Carolina State Troops. In the fall of the same year he was transferred from this regiment to the 61st. During the campaign he was in the battle of Newberne, Kinston, Wagnor, Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, the seige of Charleston, and a number of others. He was captured while in an engagement near Petersburg, Va, on the 4th of August 1864, and taken as a prisoner to the old Capitol, Washington, D. C., and from these to Fort Delaware, Delaware, where he was retained in prison until after Lee's surrender in 1865. Was wounded three times. Since the close of hostilities he has been engaged in tilling the soil. He has been twice married. Was first married to Miss Mattie, daughter of Joseph Laughinghouse, Esq., (a prominent citizen of Pitt county,) on the 21st of March 1866. She died on the 12th of March 1868. His second wife was Miss Alice, daughter of W. H. Laughinghouse, Esq., to whom he was weded on the 26th of May 1869. The second wife died the 18th of August 1873. Soon after the war he was elected Colonel of a militia regiment in his county by the Provisional Governor, W. W. Holden, resigned [illegible] holding the office. Been magistrate two years. The present session is the first that he has ever been a member of. He has a place on the following committees: Propositions and grievances, Internal Improvement, Privilege and elections, [illegible] Committee to nominate Magistrates. He is a [illegible] member, ever looking to the good of his constituence and the State at large, and coming as he does from a section minus of railroads is free to express himself as being opposed to any appropriation by the State to incorporate companies—Democrat.

JOSEPH THOMAS WALDO.

HAMILTON, MARTIN COUNTY, N. C.

Is a native of Martin county, one of the counties of 2nd district, and was born in the town of Hamilton on the 26th of April 1839. He received a liberal education having attended the State University, and otherwise prepared himself for the practice of the profession of law. When the war between the States broke out, his ardent and youthful patriotism quickly placed him in the ranks of his State's defenders. He served in the 31st North Carolina Regiment and was captured at the fall of Roanoke Island. Even amid the clash of arms he was not insensible to cupid's charms, and was married June 11th 1862. He is of pleasant, agreeable manners and address, of cultivated intellect, in the vigor of life, and a promising future before him. He serves on Committees: Judiciary, Corporations Military Affairs, and is Chairman of Committee on Claims. A quiet and good member—Democrat.

THIRD DISTRICT.

GEORGE DOSSY HOLMAN,

JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, N. C.

Born March 4th, 1828, in Hertford county. Married first to Elizabeth Beale, of Northampton county; the second time, to Sarah F., daughter of Rev. William Boone; his third wife was Mary A., daughter of Lemuel H. Boyce, Esq. His nine children living. His occupation is that of a farmer and gunsmith. During the war he served as a Captain of a Militia Company. Been Magistrate four years and County Commissioner two years. Elected to the State Senate for the sessions of 1872-'73 and 1873-'74, and re-elected to the present by about 500 majority. Mr. H. is a quiet and peaceable citizen at home, he having never

been sued, indicted or warranted on his own account in his life. This shows a record worthy of imitation.—Republican.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

HENRY EPPES.

HALIFAX, C. H., N. C.

Born September 16th, 1830. Never went to school any in his life, but by his own exertions has secured a very fair education. Married Miss Lavina Knight, of Halifax county, by whom he has had thirteen children, seven are now living and six dead. He has been a minister (Methodist) of the Gospel for a number of years. By trade he is a brick mason and plasterer. He was first elected to represent Halifax county in the Convention of 1868, since which time he has been in politics nearly all the time, this session in the Senate being his seventh term in this honorable body. Committees: Propositions and Grievances and Corporations.—Republican (*Col.*)

FIFTH DISTRICT.

FRANKLIN DAVID DANCY,

TARBORO, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

Born Nov. 15th, 1849. Before and during the war he was owned by Lafayette Dancy, Esq., a prominent farmer of Edgecombe county. He has served as Commissioner of the town of Tarboro for two years, and as Commissioner of Edgecombe county for two years. He is a very fine specimen of his race in appearance, and deports him self becomingly while in the Senate.

His occupation is that of a blacksmith. Not married. He was elected to the present Senate by about 3,000 majority.—Republican, (*Col.*)

SIXTH DISTRICT.

ELBERT ALFRED MOYE,

FARMVILLE, PITT COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Pitt county North Carolina, May 11th 1842, the youngest son of Alfred Moye, Esq., who was an honored member of the General Assembly from Pitt county, from 1829 to 1842. Received an ordinary education from the free and neighborhood schools of his district. In 18[illegible] went to the Oxford Classical and Mathematical School under the charge of J. H. Horner, Esq., and remained until the breaking out of the war. In September 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company G, 8th Regiment North Carolina State Troops, was captured at Roanoke Island Febru[illegible] was soon after paroled and exchanged. H[illegible] months, as Orderly Sergeant for [illegible] of time and was then promoted to 2nd [illegible] which capacity he served until the clo[illegible] May 1[illegible] he was captured at Cold [illegible] to Point Lookout, Maryland, and [illegible] sferred to Fort Delaware [illegible] the 11th day of June 1[illegible] and thirteen [illegible] Edwards, of [illegible] g. By [illegible] any effe[illegible] in- [illegible] dis- trict [illegible] again [illegible] was

elected by nearly two hundred majority. That he was a faithful Representative and served his people acceptably, was evinced by his being nominated in 1878 for the Senate, and receiving the highest vote of any one in his county, with the exception of the candidate for County Treasurer, who had no opposition. His firm and decided stand for the rights of the people, for the working men of the country, has rendered him somewhat unpopular with some of the professional men, especially professional politicians, but by no means unpopular with the people whose friend he has proven himself to be. He is a member of that branch of the Christian Church styled the "Disciples of Christ." He is Chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and on the committees on Enrolled Bills, Education, and Fish and Fisheries. He is very quiet but faithful to his people, he watches their interest and their is no firmer member in the Senate—Democrat.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

ROBERT WILLIAMS KING.

WILSON, WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

Born November 15th 1835 in Pitt county. Was educated at the Franklin Institute, Franklinton, North Carolina, and the University of Virginia. Read Medicine under Dr. B. F. Cr[illegible]n, of Franklinton, and Dr. C. J. O'Hagan of Greenville. He also took lessons in medicine while at the University of Virginia. Graduated at the Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1858, with [illegible]. The Principal of the Institution pa[illegible] some very decided compliments as to his proficiency upon the final examination, and especially as to his familiarity with the science of anatomy. After graduating he located at Goldsboro for a short time and then moved to Stantonsburg, in Wilson county, where he remained until 1863, since which date he has resided

in the town of Wilson. Married Miss C. J. Bynum, daughter of Gideon Bynum, Esq., of Pitt county. Her father was a prominent citizen of Pitt, and for many years a representative in the State Legislature. He attended a course of Lectures in Richmond in 1861-'2 and received a diploma from the Institution in that city. Soon after this he entered the Confederate service as surgeon and served both in the field and in the hospital. In the latter part of 1863 he had a severe attack of the camp fever, and never sufficiently recovered to enter the service again. Since the war he has been practicing his profession and farming. He has been chairman of the Executive Committee of Democratic party in Wilson county ever since 1870 up to his nomination, and the change of the politics in the county is greatly due his wise management. He was elected to his present seat without opposition. Committees: Insane Asylum, Banks and Currency, Engrossed Bills, and is Chairman of the select Committee to investigate railroads. A very good member—Democrat.

CAPT. WILLIAM S. HARRIS,

PACIFIC, FRANKLIN COUNTY, N. C.

Capt. Harris was born in Franklin county, April 17th, 1831. He was educated at the common schools of the neighborhood. He was first married to Miss Sarah Wiggins, of Wake. She lived only a few years, and by this marriage he has one child, a daughter. He was married the second time to Miss Mary A. Harris, of Franklin, and by this marriage has three children. At the commencement of the war he volunteered in the Franklin Rifles, the first company raised in the county, and upon the organization of the company was elected a Lieutenant. Capt. Harris has been a magistrate since he was twenty-one years of age, excepting the period of Gov. Holden's administration. He was the Democratic candidate for the Legislature in 1868, again in 1870, and for the Convention in 1871. He made active can-

vasses and earnest telling speeches, but the negro majority in his county was then so large that it could not be overcome. His canvasses were not without result, however, for they helped to keep organized the Democratic party in his county, and the party organization in that county is to-day equal with, if not superior to that of any other county in the State. He was elected to his seat in the present Senate without opposition. He is a member of the following committees, viz.: Propositions and Grievances; Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum; Salaries and Fees, and Privileges and Elections. He does not speak often, but when he does speak he talks with animation and earnestness. His speech in favor of the oppropriation to the Orphan Asylum was very effective, and to him is due the credit of passing that measure through the Senate. He introduced the resolution, and was very active in working up a sentiment in its favor. He is genial and pleasant as a companion. He is a warm, zealous friend, and an earnest advocate of the rights of the people. Very few men in the Senate have as much personal popularity. Capt. Harris belonged to the old Jeffersonian school of Democracy, and is in religion a Missionary Baptist.—Democrat.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

EDWARD BULL,

WOODBRIDGE, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C.

Was born, on the Southern slope of Connecticut, in the historic town of Saybrook, on the 21st day of June, 1830. His ancestor, the original John Bull, came over from England about the time of the plague in London, in 1684. During his infancy, and until he was twelve or fifteen years old, he was physically weak, suffering nearly every disease that baby's flesh is air to, with several extra attacks of lung fever. (This was before "Dr. Bull," who belongs to another branch of the famly, had come upon the stage as the baby's benefactor.) About the age

indicated his attention was directed to building up his constitution by reasonable conformity to suitable habits. A careful adherence to a judicious system has resulted in as perfect a condition of bodily health, for these many years, as often falls to the lot of mortals. Few men enjoy life better; few indeed suffer less of its aches or pains. And the secret is an open one—a plenty of hard work, plenty of plain wholesome food, sufficient sleep, regular time for sleep, food and labor, temperance, chastity and a good conscience. His idea of temperance is simple cold water, always and everywhere, *nothing else*; and the avoidance of tobacco, the use of which is not consistent with perfect health. In his childhood he enjoyed the advantages of the public schools, later of the High Schools. At nineteen he commenced teaching, and has taught more or less constantly till recently; sometimes in the winter only, sometimes the year round. Thus engaged, he pursued a course of theology under Rev. Davis Brainerd, of Lyme, was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Middlesex Association (Congregational) of Connecticut, and was ordained to the work of the ministry by a Council of the Churches. He has always been in the Sunday School; first when quite young as a pupil, afterward as a teacher, then for a dozen years as Superintendent. While in Connecticut, before turning his attention to theology, he held several offices of honor, being Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and School Committee to examine the teachers, visit the schools, and report on their condition and progress. He moved to North Carolina in October, 1869, going to Beaufort in the employ, and holding the commission of the American Missionary Association of New York, as Superintendent of the Washburne Seminary, then numbering two hundred and fifty pupils and employing five teachers, four of whom were Northern ladies, highly intelligent and of fine culture. After two years he removed to his present place of residence at Woodbridge, on the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, about half way between New Berne and Morehead City. Since his residence there, in addition to cultivating his farm, he has endeavored to increase the privileges and improve the condition of those around him. For this end he has erected a large and con-

venient building—under the auspices of the Association before named—for school and chapel purposes, in which school is taught for eight months in the year, by well qualified teachers, (the present teacher being a graduate of Williams' College, Mass.) and religious services. He has also secured the establishment of a Post Office. He has twice been elected magistrate, and is now an incumbent by the appointment of the Legislature. He was a member of the Board of Commissioner for the term of two years. Mr. Bull is a Republican, without being an extremist or violent partisan. Since he came to North Carolina he has sought to identify himself with her interests, and to do so more and more from year to year. He has been here long enough to become pretty well acquainted with the condition of things in this commonwealth. Here are all his property interests, here is his farm, his family, and his home, and he claims to be as truly and fully a citizen of North Carolina as if he was to "the manor born." Was married the 24th of May, 1856, to Miss Matilda Penfield, of Saybrook, Conn., who was a faithful and affectionate wife and mother, and who died after a year and two months, leaving one child, a daughter, then a year old, now engaged in business in Hartford, Conn. He was married the second time the 17th of March, 1859, to Jane Susan Pratt, of Weelbrook, Conn., by whom he has two sons, now nineteen and sixteen years old. —Republican.

NINTH DISTRICT.

JOHN WILLIAMS SHACKELFORD.

RICHLANDS, ONSLOW COUNTY, N. C.

Born 16th November, 1844, in Onslow county. Married 16th September, 1865, Miss Mary C. Wallace, of Onslow county. Has been twice elected a magistrate. Elected to the Legislature 1872-'74. Re-elected in 1876, without opposition either

time. Entered the Confederate service 1862, as private in company H., 3d N. C. Cavalry—elected a Sergeant—and promoted to a Lieutenancy in 35th Regiment, but was prevented from joining this command in consequence of being captured near Greenville, N. C. Was confined in prison till the close of the war, at Plymouth, Newbern, Fortress Monroe, Norfolk and Point Lookout. Was elected to his present seat in the Senate by a majority of 762 votes. He is Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, on Banks and Currency, and Fish and Fisheries. He is a very intelligent and useful member.—Democrat.

TENTH DISTRICT.

WILLIAM T. DORTCH,

GOLDSBORO, WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Nash county, August 23rd, 1824. Educated at Bingham school. At the age of 17 commenced the study of law with the late Hon. B. F. Moore. Obtained county court license at 19 years of age; Superior Court license at 20. Elected County Attorney of Nash at 20 years of age, and re-elected. Moved to Goldsboro in 1849. Elected County Attorney of Wayne. Elected to the Legislature from Wayne 1852, and continuously (except one session) until 1861. Elected Speaker of the House in 1860. Elected to the Confederate Senate in 1861, and served in that body during the war. Has held no office since the close of the war until the present session of the Legislature. Has devoted his attention since the close of the war to farming and the practice of law, doing probably the largest and most lucrative practice in the State. Tendered the office of Judge of the Superior Court by Governor Ellis in 1859, and declined. He is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and as such had many arduous duties to perform during the present session. He has occupied but very little time on the floor of the Senate in the way of speech-making, but when he does

speak he always receives the attention of all within the range of his voice, for his arguments are always pointed and conclusive and the force of which are always shown when the vote is taken. He is a man of fine personal appearance, excellent education, and of superior legal ability. These combined with his other good qualities of head and heart have won for him the esteem of all the members, and has given him quite an enviable influence in the Senate Chamber.—Democrat.

JOHN ALEXANDER BRYAN,

KENANSVILLE, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Sampson county in the year 1821. Was educated in the old-field schools until 17 years old, at which age he entered the Grove Academy, preparatory for college. Subsequent to this he entered Chapel Hill but remained there only three months on account of failing health. In 1843 he studied medicine under Drs. Strong and Hall in Clinton. After this he was instructed in the Medical University at Philadelphia. During the winters of 1844–'45 he took the regular course of lectures. Married Miss Mary Oliver, of Duplin county, in June, 1845. In 1847 he returned to his native place near Taylor's Bridge, on the Six-Runs river, where the sand plains were fringed with the blooming jessemine vines as in the days of his boyhood. But farm life losing its charms he sold out in 1850 and moved to Kenansville, the county town of Duplin, where he was engaged in merchandising for two years. But finding that he did not have a genial spirit for a speculative life, he became thoroughly convinced that for hapiness and prosperity he would again have to enroll himself among the "horny handed sons of toil." So it was not long until he was again comfortably located on another farm, and has been a hard laboring man ever since. He has raised five sons and three daughters. His oldest son, W. R. Bryan, served two years during the war, but the subject of this sketch fought no battles except for bread and

meat, and shed no blood except the blood of beasts. He was married the second time to Miss Kate Oliver in 1870.—Democrat.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WILLIAM PELL ORMOND,

HOOKERTON, GREENE COUNTY, N. C.

Born September 25th, 1843. Attended common schools. Is a farmer; he also manufactures lumber. Married 11th September, 1878, to Miss Elenora H. Newman, of Washington county. During the war he was Corporal of Company "B," 10th Regiment, N. C. State Troops, and served from the 18th of June, 1861, to the 25th of April, 1865. In 1870 and '71 he was Deputy Sheriff of Greene county. In 1874 and '75 he was a County Commissioner, and elected to the House of Representatives for the term of 1876-'77, and elected to his present seat in the Senate by a majority of 249 votes.—Republican.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

ROBERT KEDAR BRYAN,

SCOTT'S HILL, PENDER COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Sampson county, N. C., Jan. 22d, 1821. Was educated at Donaldson Academy, at Fayetteville, and at the University of North Carolina. Studied law under Chief Justice Pearson, and obtained a license to practice law. Practiced law two years. Edited the *North Carolinian*, a Democratic newspaper published at Fayetteville, three years. Retired upon a farm on the sea coast of New Hanover, (now Pender county) where he has lived ever since. In 1858 was a member of the House of

Commons from New Hanover. In 1878 was elected Senator from the Senatorial District composed of New Hanover and Pender. Married Feb. 10th, 1851, to Miss Susan Lofton, of New Hanover, by whom he has five children. He is a very efficient and worthy member.—Democrat.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

ASA ROSS,

SMITHVILLE, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Bladen county, May 15th, 1826. Moved to Brunswick county at two years of age. Married Sept. 1st, 1853, Miss Charlotte McKeithen, of Brunswick, by whom he has had five children. Was appointed Clerk of the Court of that county in 1853, and elected to the same office by the Whig party in 1854. Read law under Col. George Wortham, of Granville county, and began the practice of the profession in 1857. Has been a practical surveyor since 1851. In the year 1858 he emigrated to Greenville, Ala. Practiced law in that place until the beginning of the war. Joined the Confederate army Jan. 10th, 1861, becoming a member of an independent company, Greenville (Ala.) Guards. Was with the command when the Pensacola Navy Yard was seized, driving the Federal forces into Fort Pickens. Thence ordered to Richmond, Va. Arrived at Yorktown June 13th, 1861. Acted as 2nd Sergeant, and was seriously wounded in a charge at Gaine's Mills, in Gen. Longstreet's old Division, 8th Alabama Regiment. Remained in service until the close of the war. After the close of the war he again located in Brunswick county and continued the practice of his profession until the year 1870. Was elected Register of Deeds in 1876. Elected to the present Senate by a majority of 395. He is very quiet but one of the most attentive and earnest members in the Senate.—Republican.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

ROBINSON WARD,

BLACKMAN'S MILL, SAMPSON'S COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Sampson county, Dec. 6th, 1823. Received only a common school education. Acted as magistrate for twenty years before and during the war, and was elected once since the war. Married in 1867 to Mrs. Martha Jackson, and has two children living. By occupation he is a farmer. In politics previous to the war he was a Democrat, but when the secession question came up he took a stand for the Union, and was during the whole war a peace man. Since 1865, though not a strict party man, he has generally voted and affiliated with the Republican party. Was elected to his present seat by eighty majority, while the Democratic majority in that District has previously been from four to five hundred. He serves on Committees: Engrossed Bills, Insane Asylum, Banks and Currency, and Special Committee to investigate Lieut. Gov. Robinson.—Republican.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

DANIEL PURCELL McEACHERN,

SHOE HEEL, ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

Born and raised in Robeson county. Educated at the University of North Carolina, and graduated with the class of 1859. He served two years in the Rebel Army. Was a member of company G., 24th Regiment, N. C. State Troops. He has served for four years as magistrate in his county. He was elected by a very large and complimentary vote, he receiving a majority of 3,100 votes. He is on Committees: Privileges and Elections, Education, Corporations, and Public Buildings and Grounds. He does not speak in the Senate very often, but when

he does, he always receives the attention of those who hear him. Robeson county has a faithful Senator.—Democrat.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

NEILL SHAW STEWART,

AVERASBORO, HARNETT COUNTY, N. C.

Born May 20th, 1820, in that part of Cumberland county which is now Harnett. Never received the advantages of college education. His ancestry came from Scotland. Was married March 13th, 1850, to Miss Hannah E. Armstrong, of Cumberland county, by whom he has had four children, one son and three daughters. He was a magistrate before and during the war. Was a warm supporter of the Southern cause. Been postmaster ever since 1841, with short intervals. He has always been an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and scorns the very idea of sacrificing principle for money or position. This was fully illustrated in his case in the year 1868. He was elected that year to the House of Representatives, but on account of holding the position as post master during the war under the Confederate government, he was debarred taking his seat, and the Republicans having a majority in the General Assembly prevented his disabilities being removed: they, however, proposed to him that if he would vote with them on certain measures that they would see that he was permitted to take his seat. He replied: "I am worth but little, but the whole Radical party cannot buy me. If these are your only terms you may declare my seat vacant." He was again elected to the House in 1870 by an increased vote and was this time permitted to represent his county. Was elected to the present Senate by over 500 majority. He serves on the Committee of Engrossed Bills, and several other important committees.—Democrat.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

LEGH RICHMOND WADDELL,

SMITHFIELD, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.

Born April 3rd, 1831, in Brunswick. A son of Maurice Q. Waddell, Esq., of Chatham. Graduated at Chapel Hill, class of '52. Read law with Chief Justice Pearson, and obtained license in 1854. Married, February 24th, 1859, Miss O. Wright, of Goldsboro, by whom he has one child living. Elected Clerk and Master in Equity in 1862. Served until 1865, when he was elected County Solicitor. Nominee of the Democrats for the Convention of 1868. Elected in 1870 to the Senate. Re-elected in 1874. Re-elected to the Senate of 1876–'77; and re-elected to his present seat without opposition. He is a clear-minded, patriotic and generous hearted gentleman, and makes a very efficient member.—Democrat.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. SNOW,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born July 27th, 1846. Was educated at J. M. Lovejoy's Academy in Raleigh and the Hillsboro Military Institute at Hillsboro. During the war he served in the army of Northern Virginia as Lieutenant in Company H, 33d N. C. Regiment of N. C. State Troops. He commanded the right wing of a batery in the battle near Petersburg, Va., on the 2nd of April, 1865, and was captured and remained in Johnson's Island Prison until the close of the war. Studied law after the war and received his license to practice at the January term of the Supreme Court in 1869. Married Miss B. McC. Boylan July 18th, 1871. In 1876 the Democrats of Wake, recognizing his ability and popu-

larity, nominated him by acclamation for the Senate; he made a vigorous campaign, but with a Republican majority of 600 against him the task seemed hopeless. However, he was defeated by only 35 votes. In 1878 the Democratic party, knowing that he had developed considerable strength, again tendered him the nomination for the Senate. After another close campaign he come out victorious, defeating his formidable opponent, M. A. Bledsoe, Esq., an independent, by 45 votes. He serves on the Judiciary Committee, is Chairman on Salaries and Fees, and was Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate the Western North Carolina Railroad and the Western Insane Asylum. As Chairman of the latter Committee he submitted quite an elaborate report concerning the workings and progress of the Road and Asylum. He is a young man of enviable talents, speaks well, and has taken a prominent part in nearly all the leading issues that have been before the Senate.—Democrat.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

ISAAC ALSTON.

WARRENTON, WARREN COUNTY, N. C.

Was born September 15th, 1830. Married December 26th, 1854 to Miss Fannie Alston. Belongs to the Baptist Church. Studied for the ministry and received license to preach in the year 1868, and was ordained as a minister in 1871. Has a farm, from which he has realized a good living for a number of years. He has been more industrious and consequently more successful than a great many of his race. But in accumulating wealth he did not forget to contribute to the cause of religion. In his community there is a very neat church which was built almost entirely by his funds. He is a leading member of the colored Baptist church in his section. For seven years he was president of Shiloh Association and is now Moderator of the Ministerial Board of that Association. He was elected to his present seat in the Senate by about 2,000 majority.—Republican.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

GILES MEBANE.

MILTON, CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Orange county (now Alamance) in February, 1809. Graduated at the State University, at Chapel Hill, with the class of 1832. He was married in the year 1837 to Miss Mary C. Yancey, daughter of Hon. Bartlett, of Caswell county. He moved to Caswell county from Alamance in the fall of 1865. Mr. Mebane has been in political life a great deal. His first term in the State Legislature was as a member of the House of Representatives from Orange county in the year 1842. For several years he continued to represent that county in the General Assembly until 1850. During this time the subject of building the North Carolina Railroad came up, and he was an ardent supporter of that great State enterprise, which has done so much towards developing the internal resources of the State. At that time there were five members from Orange county, and Mr. Mebane was the only one who voted for the appropriation; and when the time came he showed his interest in the road by taking a contract and building six miles of it through Orange county. He was director of this road for 18 years. In 1858 he was again a member of the House, and in 1861 was in the Secession Convention. He was in the Senate, and Speaker of that honorable body, from 1861 to 1865, during which time he was the Representative from Alamance and Randolph counties. Was a member of the "Andrew Johnson Convention" in 1865. He served many years as Chairman of the County Courts, (succeeded Judge Ruffin) and in many other ways very prominently served the people of his county. He now serves on the Committee of State Debt, and several others, and took a very decided part devising and maturing plans to compromise and settle the State Debt, the bill with that end in view which passed the present General Assembly having received his ardent support. He is the oldest members of the Assembly, but still retains a large proportion of the energy and vitality of mind of his more youthful days.—Democrat.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON,

YANCEYVILLE, CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

Was born in the county of Caswell Dec. 8th, 1824. Still lives where born. His pedigree extends back some years—in fact so far that but a few know or care anything about it. His parents were in good circumstances in their later years. Were "poor though honest" in early life. They would have given young George a good education, but he had heard of "wars and rumors of wars," and longed to follow to the field some "war-like lord." So, as he was a wild young buck and harsh and cruel teachers wished to dress him off, he demurred and turned the tables and the cruel teacher got the licking. Consequently George went home feeling badly. His father told George to take his little hatchet and march off to the new ground, with instructions not to cut down any *cherry trees*, and, as he was impressed by reading that George Washington would not *lie about cherry trees*, he, following after his great exemplar, did *lie*—(under the shade of the beautiful trees.) That did not please his stern father, so he whaled George. Thereupon the young man weakened. Soon thereafter the Mexican war came off, and George, being tired of his father's *stern* realities, visited the foreign land of Mexico in chief command of Company F., 1st Reg't N. C. Volunteers, raised in his native county. He returned unwounded. Was married on the 4th day of March, 1852, in Newton county, Ga., with (or to) Miss Marion W. Hill, who still lives to bless his old age as she adorned and rendered happy his younger years. George, soon after marriage, moved to Danville, Va., and merchandised, and by strict attention to business was rapidly accumulating a handsome loss. So he *quit*; removed to the old stamping ground and went to farming. Then "rumors of wars" came. He buckled on his old *claymore*, (is this spelt right ?) was appointed Major of the Eighth North Carolina State Troops, afterwards Lieut. Colonel

of the same, and achieved no distinction except having had the honor of putting the present Chief Executive of the State through the double-quick. To the education there received no doubt Governor Jarvis is mainly indebted for the position he now so ably occupies. He returned from the wars unwounded, having been very lucky in avoiding all serious engagements where bullets flow about loose. In 1874 he was elected Senator from the 20th District. The people approved his course and re-elected him to the same position to the present session, where he is now doing his level best to spend his per diem, and with every prospect of success. This notice of this distinguished Senator may seem like flattery, but we are sure he knows nothing of how we obtained our facts, and no one will for a moment do him the injustice to suppose he "writ it."—Democrat.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

ELKANAH ELVIS LYON.

DUTCHVILLE, GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C.

Was born in Granville county, April 27th, 1824. Was educated at common schools of the county. Married Miss Margaret J., daughter of Harrison Parker, Esq., of Orange county, May 18th, 1849, by whom he has four children living. During the war he served as Captain of Company A, 44th Regiment, N. C. State Troops. He was by the side of the lamented Col. Singletary when he fell at the battle of Jackson's Mills, Martin county, N. C. By occupation he is a farmer, and is one of the finest tobacco growers in the State. As an evidence of his skill in raising tobacco, we will mention that in 1875 some of his tobacco was sent to the Royal Chemist of England, at London, for analysis, and this great chemical expert pronounced it the finest tobacco ever sent him from any part of the world. Two prem-

inent features of this tobacco as shown by the chemist's statement were its excellent flavor and the small quantity of nicotine. It contained only three per cent nicotine while the average amount in tobacco grown by others contained from 12 to 14 per cent. The present is the first session he has been to the Legislature, but has four brothers who have represented the county of Granville from time to time in the different branches of the General Assembly. Committees: State Debt, Corporations, Agriculture, Retrenchment and Reform, Claims. A true and faithful member.—Democrat.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

ABRAHAM HAYWOOD MERRITT,

PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY.

Born July 18th, 1832. Was prepared for college under the late W. J. Bingham at Oaks, Orange county, N. C. He graduated at the University of North Carolina with high distinction in 1856. Was editor of the University Magazine during his senior year. After leaving College he entered the school room and taught very successfully until the beginning of the war. He was then at the head of a flourishing high school at Olin, Iredell county. The derangement of nearly every line of business caused by the hostilities between the States necessitated the suspension of the school. He then returned to Chatham, his native county. He was appointed Clerk and Master in Equity for Chatham, although that position was usually given to lawyers and was eagerly sought by several excellent members of the bar. This position he continued to fill with entire acceptability to the court and bar until the office was abolished. Since the war he was in charge of a school of high grade at Cary, Wake county, and then later, was in charge of the Academy at Pittsboro. He was married in 1861 to Miss Purvis, of Iredell county, a lady of great intellect and worth, by whom he has

six interesting children, and is now living quietly on his farm near Pittsboro in his native county. He holds his present position as Senator by a most flattering vote. Was nominated unexpectedly and against his wishes, and in a county where the parties are nearly equally divided he received over 700 votes more than both his competitors. Was one of the presiding justices of the Inferior Court when he received the nomination for the Senate. Was elected one of the Trustees of the State University during the present session of the General Assembly. By profession he is a Methodist and takes great interest in the Sunday School work. He now has charge of a Sunday School, and has made, at different times, addresses on the subject which have been highly complimented. Diffident and distrustful of himself he seldom appears before the public, but this much may be said in his praise, he is most loved and esteemed by those who know him best. He is Chairman of Joint Committee on the Library and serves on Committee on Education, Enrolled Bills, and Roads and Highways. He is a conscientious and faithful member—ever watching and guarding the interest of those he has the honor to represent.—Democrat.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

JAMES PINKNEY DILLARD,

LEAKSVILLE, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

Was born April 7th, 1824. He received no collegiate course—was taught at the common schools of the county. On the 9th day of March, 1861, he married Miss M. L. Lash, daughter of Wm. A. Lash, Esq., a prominent citizen of Stokes county. Before the war he was magistrate for a number of years and served for some time as a member of the old county courts of Rockingham. In the year of 1863 when our Southern territory was threated to be overrun by the powers of the North he made up a company of thirty men and tendered service to the Con-

federate army but was not received on account of the size of the company. After this he aided materially in the collection of conscripts for the service. He had charge of the delivering of all darkies required from Rockingham to Wilmington and other places—they being taken to those places to work on the fortifications. Since the war he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, merchandising and manufacturing tobacco. He now carries on an extensive manufacturing and mercantile business at Leakesville. He is brother to Judge J. H. Dillard.—Democrat.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

DAVID FRANKLIN CALDWELL.

GREENSBORO, N. C.

Born November 5th, 1814, in Guilford county. He served in the Legislature many years ago, and has had considerable experience in public life. He is a great talker and has taken a prominent part in speech-making on nearly every bill that has been presented during the present session.—Democrat.

JUNIUS IRVING SCALES.

GREENSBORO, N. C.

Born in Rockingham, June 1, 1832. Graduated at Chapel Hill, class '53. Read law with Chief Justice Pearson, and settled at Graham. Married Miss Effie H. Henderson, daughter of Col. A. Henderson and grand-daughter of Chief Justice Henderson; has seven children. Represented Alamance in the House in 1857–'58. Moved to Mississippi in February, 1861; enlisted in Confederate States army from that State and was

elected Captain; organized as part of 30th Mississippi, of which he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel, and subsequently promoted to Colonel. Wounded and captured at Chicamauga; imprisoned on Johnson's Island, in wretched health until June 25th, 1865. After the war resumed practice of law at Greensboro in copartnership with his brother, Gen. Alfred M. Scales. Col. Scales comes of patriotic stock. Of his family six brothers and three brothers in-law entered the army, and three of the former and one of the latter perished, by wounds on the battle field, or exposure in camp. Senator Scales is among the most intelligent and highly esteemed gentlemen in the Legislature. He has been in public life a great deal and has always proved himself true to the trust imposed in him. He was made a magistrate when only about 21 years old. Was member of the Senate of 1876–'77, and elected to the present Senate in 1878, he leading the ticket in his district. Committees: Judiciary, Chairman Retrenchment and Reform, Ridings of Judges, and was Chairman of Education, but resigned.—Democrat.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

WILLIAM MARTIN BLACK,

CARTHAGE, MOORE COUNTY, N. C.

Was born June 1st, 1829, in Moore county. Received his education at Carthage Institute. Married Miss Margaret A. Seawell on the 13th day of April, 1869. He entered the army as a Lieutenant in Company C., 35th Regiment of N. C. S. T. After the battle at New Berne he was made Captain of Company C., 49th Regiment, under Col. Ramseur. Since the war he has been engaged in farming the greater part of his time. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1864–'65, and re-elected to the session of 1866–'67. In 1875 he was a member to the Constitutional Convention. Was elected

to his present seat in the Senate by a majority of 250 votes. He serves on several committees, and is a very quiet but attentive member.—Republican.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

GEORGE ALEXANDER GRAHAM,

WADSVILLE, N. C.

Born in Montgomery county, April 1st, 1830. School advantages limited. In his early boyhood he served an apprenticeship as house carpenter. Moved to Mississippi in the year 1851. Volunteered and joined the Confederate service as a private member in company G., "Grenada Rifles," of Grenada, Miss. His Cmpany joined the 15th Miss. Regiment at Corinth, from thence was ordered to Knoxville, East Tenn. At this place he joined General Zollicoffer's Brigade. Was in the memorable Cumberland Gap Campaign. Was with General Zollicoffer when he fell at Mill Springs, Ky. After this battle he returned to Corinth. After the battle of Shiloh was transferred to General Breckenridge's Division. Was at the first bombardment of Vicksburg. Was discharged from service on account of hemorrhage of the lungs. He returned then to Montgomery county, the place of his nativity; but as soon as his health would permit he again joined the service in North Carolina, and continued with the army until the surrendor in 1865. He married Mary Jane Andrews, by whom he has six children. He was a candidate for the Legislature in 1865, but was defeated by a small majority. Was nominated by his party as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1868 and elected by 235 majority. Was eleected to the Legislature of 1869-'70 by 400 majority, and elected to the present Senate by 317 majority. He serves on the committees on Finance and Library. He has served in his county as Justice of the Peace for 10 years.

Governor Holden appointed him in 1869 as one of the Trustees of the State University, and at the same time was appointed as the State's proxy for the Western Railroad. Since then he has been a Director on said road.—Republican.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

CULPEPPER AUSTIN,

MOORE, UNION COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Anson county (now Union) May 8th, 1818. Received a limited education at the common schools in the county. Was raised a farm boy and has been engaged in farming all his life. But a great deal of his time has been spent in trading and looking after his manufacturing interest. He, like the majority of the young men, was very fond of the young ladies during his boyhood and the early days of his manhood, and as an evidence of such association he "took to himself a wife" when only twenty years of age. On the 15th day of April, 1838, he selected from the large array of beautiful young ladies of Anson county, Miss Hester Curlee, with whom he lived ten years. On the 19th day of March, 1848 the cruel hand of death separated them. Knowing the consolation of having a good lady to "divide his sorrows and share his joys," he again married on the 4th day of June, 1848. His choice this time was Miss Martha B. Griffin, with whom he is still happily living. In public life he has had a good share of experience. For 12 years he served the good citizens of Union as Sheriff, and this is his third term to the State Legislature. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1864 and re-elected to the House in 1876, and was elected to his present seat in the Senate by over 2,000 majority. He serves on the following committees: Military Affairs, Salaries and Fees, and Deaf Dumb and Blind Institute. He is a jovial old gentleman, always says what he thinks, and generally thinks right.

He speaks often in the Senate, and seldom misses the mark.—Democrat.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

JAMES MILAS REDWINE.

ALBEMARLE, STANLY COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Rowan county, June 15th, 1825. All the education he received was by his own efforts and principally at home. Married Miss Marinda Hall, of Montgomery county, August 1847. She died in November 1862. Was married the second time, June 1st, 1865, to Mrs. Mary Ann Fesperman, of Stanly county. Has eight children—six girls and two boys. Before the war he was Captain of a Militia Company—during the war he served in the Home Guard under command of Maj. Hahn, and was stationed below Wilmington. By occupation he is a farmer. In 1865 he was elected Superior Court Clerk of Stanly county, which position he has held ever since, and was elected every term by an increased majority. Was elected to his present seat in the Senate by a very complimentary vote. He is a very quiet but conscientious and careful representative. Committees: Insane Asylum, Engrossed Bills, and Insurance.—Democrat.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

SIDNEY BENONI ALEXANDER.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Was born at Rosedale, in Mecklenburg county, nine miles from Charlotte, Dec. 8th, 1840. He graduated at the Univer-

sity of North Carolina with the class of June 1860. He entered the Confederate service as a private in Company B., 1st Regiment N. C. State Troops, on the 15th of April, 1861. His Company was the well and favorably known "Hornet's Nest Riflemen. He served with the 28th Regiment from September, 1861, to April, 1862." He was then elected 1st Lieutenant of Company K., 42d Regiment, and in June was elected Captain of the same Company and served in Virginia until December 1864, when Hoke's Division was ordered to North Carolina. During the latter part of the war he served as Inspector General of of Hoke's Division. After the hostilities between the States ceased he settled down to farming, and to day is one of the most successful farmers in Mecklenburg county. In this occupation he takes much interest, and is one of the few model farmers of Western Carolina. In 1876 he was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the State Grange Patrons of Husbandry, and in 1877 was elected Master of the State Grange, and ex-officio member of the State Board of Agriculture. He was married in June, 1872, to Miss Nicholson, of Halifax county, N. C. Was elected to his present seat in the State Senate without opposition. He is Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Statistics and Mining, and serves on Education and Public Roads. He is one of of the clearest-headed members in the Senate and is the ablest representative of the farming interest in the General Assembly. One of the best members.—Democrat.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

JOHN STEELE HENDERSON.

SALISBURY, ROWAN COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Rowan county, Jan. 6th, 1846. Educated at Dr. Wilson's School and at Chapel Hill. Read law under Chief Justice Pearson, and obtained license to practice at the June term

1866. Married Miss Elizabeth B. Cain, of Asheville, by whom he has two children. He entered the Confederate service when only 18 years old, and served from 1864 to the close of the war. He was a member of Company B., 10th N. C. S. T. His first appearance in political life was as a candidate of the Constitutional Convention of 1871, to which he was elected, though the Convention was never held. In 1872 he declined the nomination for a seat in the Legislature. He was elected to the Convention of 1875, and took a leading part in the proceedings of that body. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1876-'77, and again showed himself to be a very valuable member. He is the author of the election law and many other important statutes passed at that session. He was elected to his present seat in the Senate by 131 majority over a Democrat opponent, John C. Ford, Esq., who ran in the campaign on the "farmer's ticket." Mr. Henderson is a strong Democrat, but strange as it may seem, received every colored vote cast at the Salisbury and Mocksville precincts. This was an unexpected and a very unusual compliment. Mr. H. has been one of the hardest working members of the present Assembly, and has done much towards shaping a large portion of the most important acts of the session. He is the author of the bills, "defining the Criminal Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace," and "Prohibiting the removal of causes, except where the ends of justice absolutely require it," and of many other measures of public interest and importance. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee, Chairman of Finance Committee, on Retrenchment and Reform, Internal Improvement, and several others. He is a very worthy, able and influential member.—*Democrat.*

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

JAMES MADISON LEACH,

LEXINGTON, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

Was born at Lansdowne, the old family home, in Randolph county, one mile from what is now Trinity College, is about 54 years old; received an academical education in the neighborhood and at Greensboro, where he remained several years studying Latin, Greek and Mathematics; studied law with his brother, who died at an early age after having acquired much distinction as a lawyer. He removed to Lexington and commenced the practice of his profession, which became so lucrative that he had acquired a good estate before the war. He was elected to the House of Representatives first in 1848, and continued in the Legislature for ten years, during all of which time he was a member of the Judiciary and also of the Internal Improvement Committees; taking an active part in all the leading measures during his term of office, and was particularly distinguished as a friend of Internal Improvements and the Common School System. In 1859 he was elected to the Congress of the United States as a Whig, in a very excited campaign, defeating Hon. Alfred M. Scales, a Democrat and the incumbent, although the district was largely Democratic. During his term in Congress of two years, he was a strong and devoted Union man, opposing secession, and advocating and voting for every measure and scheme that had for its object the perpetuation of the Union. Was canvassing for re-election when troops were called for by President Lincoln, when he returned home, raised a company of volunteers, and when the regiment was formed, was elected Lt. Colonel. Was in the battles of Bull Run and Manassas; resigned the next year; was elected by a large majority to the last Confederate Congress; was elected in 1865 to the State Senate, and re-elected two years thereafter, continuing, as before the war, the fast friend of Internal Improvements and Education—holding his former places on the Judiciary and Internal improvement Committees. He was elected as a Conservative to the 42d

Congress of the United States from a district of more than 3000 Republican majority over the late Gen. Wm. L. Scott by a large majority, a native of Guilford county and a distinguished lawyer, who was his Republican competitor, and re-elected to the 43d Congress, in a hard fought contest, defeating Judge Settle by a handsome majority. Before the close of the 43d Congress he published a circular declining further honors at the hands of the people. He was elected to the present Senate, and is Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations, and is a member of the Judiciary Committee. He takes an active part in the debates of the Senate and is a liberal voter, maintaining his consistency in his advocacy of internal improvements, the support of the charitable institutions of the State and all measures that have for their object the promotion of the welfare and prosperity of the whole people. He has never been defeated for office, though often running with large majorities against him. He has the reputation of being a wonderful electioneerer, and stands in the foremost ranks as an advocate in his profession and a stump-speaker. As is seen in the foregoing, he has served in three different Legislative bodies, and has been in public life now 24 years. His society is much sought after, because he is well read, remarkably social, genial in his nature and possessed of generous impulses, so that few men have truer and warmer friends, many of whom predict for him yet higher honers—Democrat.

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

GEORGE BAIN EVERETT,

WINSTON, N. C.

Born in Wayne county November 10th, 1850. Educated at Trinity College, Graduated with the class of 1873. Studied law in Raleigh under Judge Strong and Chief Justice Smith. Completed his course in law in five months, and received license to practice in January 1874. During the same year he located in

Concord, Cabarrus county, and practiced his profession there for two years, he having formed a copartnership with W. J. Montgomery, Esq., now Solicitor of that Judicial District. He moved to Winston in May of 1877, at which place he has since resided and practiced his profession. Was elected to his present seat in the Senate as an Independent Republican by 665 majority. This is his first appearance in political life and he is taking quite a prominent stand in his party. As an evidence of his popularity, we will state that he was elected Chairman of the Republican caucus and received the complimentary vote of his party for Lieutenant Governor. He serves on the following committees: Judiciary, Education, Military Affairs, and Retrenchment and Reform. He takes a conspicuous part in the debates of the Senate, and having an active mind and a flow of language he always gets a good hearing—Republican.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

JOHN MOREHEAD BROWER,

MOUNT AIRY, SURRY COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Greensboro July 19th, 1845. When quite young he moved to Mount Airy, Surry county, at which place he was educated and has ever since resided. His occupation was that of a farmer, merchant and mechanic. Married Miss Nannie M. Paine, of Rockingham county, by whom he has four children. In political life he has had considerable experience for a man of his age. In 1872 he was a candidate for the Senate against Andrew C. Cowles, Esq., and was defeated by 28 votes. Mr. Cowles' majority the year previous, however, was 1028. In 1874 he opposed John G. Marlow, Esq., for the Senate, and was defeated by 107 votes. In 1875 he ran as a candidate to represent Surry county in the Constitutional Convention, but his opponent, Joseph H. Dobson, Esq., was counted in by 10 votes majority; he, however, contested the seat in the Convention, but that body

adjourned without taking action in the matter. In 1878 he was an independent candidate for the Senate against Richmond Pearson, Esq., and was elected by 357 majority. In the fall of the same year he ran as an independent candidate against Col. R. F. Armfield for Congress in the 7th Congressional District, and reduced to a considerable extent the opposing majority in that District. He is a very quiet member, and votes according to his convictions of right regardless of party affiliations. He was the only Senator who voted for Hon. A. S. Merrimon for United States Senator, and was the only Republican who voted for Hon. J. L. Robinson for Lieutenant Governor. He serves on the Committees of Enrolled Bills and Internal Improvement.—Republican.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

THOMAS ALLISON NICHOLSON,

NICHOLSON'S MILLS, IREDELL COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Iredell county December 24th 1816. Married July 25th, 1839, Miss Rebecca C. Nicholson, by whom he has five children, the oldest of whom, Mr. J. L. Nicholson, died in September 1871. Up to 1868 he had held the position of Magistrate 14 years. That year he was elected to represent Iredell in the House of Representatives. Was re-elected in 1870. Elected to the Senate in 1872. Elected to the Constitutional Convention in 1875. Re-elected to the Senate in November 1876 by 1500 majority. Was re-elected to the Senate for 1879 without opposition. He is chairman of the Committee on Public Printing, and serves on committee of Engrossed Bills, and Corporations. He very seldom makes a speech but when he does speak he always says something of importance and his words have much weight with the other members. He is one of the best and truest men in the Senate and eminently worthy the high compliment shown him by his constituency in returning him to this place of trust so of-

ten. He is a very faithful member to his place of duty while the body is in session and very rarely lets any circumstance prevent him from recording his vote on every subject that is brought before the Senate. In legislating he studies every point well before acting. As a private citizens, Mr. Nicholson is a christian gentleman of unsurpassed qualities, and wields a great influence for good in the community in which he lives. He is now about 63 years old, yet we trust that he will be spared many years longer to represent the good people of the noble old county of Iredell—Democrat.

JOSEPH PINKNEY MATHESON.

TAYLORSVILLE, ALEXANDER COUNTY, N. C.

Was born in that part of Iredell county which is now Alexander, November 27th, 1830. His educational advantages were limited to the common schools of the community in which he lived. During the early days of his boyhood he worked on the farm, making a crop in the summer and attending school in the winter season. In March, 1849, he entered the store of Carson & Smith, of Taylorsville, as a clerk. This was one of the first stores established at the then new town. In 1852 he gave up this position and began the study of medicine. Though he devoted some time in reading medicine he has never practiced any. In the year 1853 he located at Sugar Grove, Watauga county, and engaged in the mercantile business. On the first Thursday of August, 1857, he was elected Clerk of the County Court, which office he held until 1859. Continued to merchandise until the pressure of the war came upon the South—which caused him to suspend. After the war began at the time of the reorganization of the militia he was elected Major of the 95th regiment of militia. While in service with the Home Guard he was Lieutenant of Capt. Cook's company. March 1865 moved back to Taylorsville and raised a crop that year. In the fall he was appointed Provisional Sheriff of Alexander county. When

civil county government was reorganized he was elected Register of that county. In September, 1866, was elected Sheriff and after serving out his time to the satisfaction of the citizens of the county, was re-elected in 1868, but was banded by the "Howard Amendment," and did not qualify as Sheriff, though he served as Deputy Sheriff until 1872. He merchandised in Taylorsville from 1872 to 1875. Been married twice and has eight children. Was elected to present Senate without opposition. He is a very quiet but a firm member. He serves on three Committees, viz: Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, Salaries and Fees, and Enrolled Bills.—Democrat.

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

JESSE BLEDSOE.

NATHAN'S CREEK, ASHE COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Ashe county October 15th, 1826. Received only a common school education. Was raised a farmer boy and been engaged in farming ever since. His father and mother both died when he was only two years of age. When Alleghaney county was formed from Ashe in the year 1856 the new county included his home. That same year he was elected Sheriff—being the first person to fill that office in Alleghaney county. He served in that capacity for nine years. He then resigned and moved to Ashe in 1865, since which time he has been devoting his time almost exclusively at farming and raising stock. He now has a very fine and extensive farm on the South Fork of New River, the green pastured fields of which extend from the rippling stream far up the rugged sides of the surrounding mountains. For some time he has given special attention to raising horses, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. He is a true North Carolinian and takes pride in doing everything in his power that will be conducive to her prosperity. To illustrate this he drives all his horses, cattle, &c., to the eastern part of the State

to find a market instead of taking them out of the State. He is a Democrat by birth and a Baptist by profession. Was elected to the present Senate without opposition. He serves on the State Debt Committee, also on several other standing and special committees. He married Miss Salina Thompson, of Ashe county, July 10th, 1851.—Democrat.

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

JOHN GRAY BYNUM.

MORGANTON, BURKE COUNTY, N. C.

Was born at Gilbert Town, in the county of Rutherford, on the 15th day of February, 1845. Is the only son of Gen. John Gray Bynum, who for many years represented the county of Rutherford in the Legislature, and had much to do with moulding the legislation of the State. Mr. Bynum at the age of four years moved with his father to Columbia, S. C., where he lived three years, then back to the county of Rutherfordton; in 1865 to Wilmington where his father died. He then, with his mother, moved to the county of Burke. During the early part of the war he served in the 71st North Carolina Regiment. In 1864 he was on the North Carolina steamer "Advance," the celebrated Blockade runner, and was captured on that vessel, and imprisoned in Ludlow Street jail, in the City of New York. After the war he studied law with Chief Justice Pearson, obtained his license in 1867, and settled in the town of Morganton, where he has resided ever since. On the 21st day of September, 1870 he was married to Miss Hennie E. Erwin, of Morganton, N. C. Mr. Bynum is on the Judiciary Committee, is Chairman of the Committee on the Insane Asylum, was Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, was also Chairman of the Joinst Select Committee to fix the ridings of Judges, and to arrange the number of employees in the two branches of the General Assembly and wages to be paid them.

On the part of the Committe on the Insane Asylum he filed a very elaborate report showing where, in the management of that institution a saving of $10,000 could be annually save l to the State. Mr. Bynum is a very active and energetic member and a young man of decided ability. He has taken a prominent part in the discussion of many of the most important measures that has been before the Senate.—Democrat.

ALFRED MARTIN ERWIN.

MARION, M'DOWELL COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Morganton, Burke county. When he was quite young his father purchased and moved to that beautiful place in McDowell county, the Pleasant Gardens. He graduated at Davidson College with the class of 1856. He read law with the late Chief Justice Pearson and obtained license to practice a short time before the war, and now practices in the courts of McDowell and adjacent counties. He was Solicitor for McDowell county for several years. His first experience in Legislative Halls was as a member of the House of Representives from McDowell for the session of 1874–'75. Was elected to his present seat in the Senate by a large majority. His Senatorial District is composed of the counties of Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Mitchell and Yancey. Committees: Judiciary, Finance and Deaf, Dumb and Blind. He is always at his place in the Senate and is a very vigilent member.—Democrat.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

IRON STATION, LINCOLN COUNTY.

Was born in Hillsboro, N. C., Dec. 26th, 1839; was taught at the schools in his native town until Jun. , 1856, when he en-

ed the University at Chapel Hill, where he remained until January, 1859, when he went to Princeton, N. J., and graduated in the class of 1860. He settled in Lincoln county in 1861, but entered the army with Orange county troops, and returned to Lincoln county immediately after the war and has since resided there. He was married in June, 1863, to Miss Julia R., daughter of J. W. Lane, Esq., of Amelia county, Va., by whom he has five children living and two dead. Major G. is a very prominent member of the Baptist Church, and is at present the President of the State Convention of that religious denomination. He entered the Confederate army as First Lieutenant of Company K, 2d N. C. Cavalry, and served until wounded at Gettysburg, on July 3d, 1863. After which he was Assistant Adjutant General of North Carolina for remainder of the war. He was promoted to Captain in November, 1862. Was mentioned for gallantry in General Orders from District Headquarters for action in a fight at Faicen's, in Jones county, N. C., and especially mentioned by Regimental commander for conduct in the battle of Brandy Station, June 9th, 1863. His first appearance in political life was as a candidate for the Reconstruction Convention in 1867, and was defeated. In 1874 he was elected to the Senate from his present District, embracing Lincoln and Catawba counties, receiving every vote cast. He took a prominent part in the proceedings of that body, and prehaps to no one in the State are the people more indebted for the Convention of 1875. By his instrumentality the Revenue law was so amended regarding stock in banks and other incorporated companies that the returns for this kind of property was increased from $590,000 to over $1,750,000. The only law to protect the people against imposition by railroad companies is his work. He was again elected to State Senate in 1878 without opposition. He is regarded as one of the leading members of the body and lacked on one ballot in the Democratic caucus only a few votes of being chosen Lieutenant Governor. He is regarded as the leader in measures to reduce the expenses of the government and lower taxation. He is a practical farmer and looks well to the interest of his profession in the Halls of the Legislature. He is Chairman of Committee on Penal Institutions, and mem-

ber of Committee on Finance, Agriculture and Mechanic and Mining. A close worker and active member.—Democrat.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

LEMUEL J. HOYLE,

BLACK ROCK, CLEAVELAND COUNTY.

Was born in Lincolnton on the 25th day of September, 1839. Was educated at Cokesburg Institute, S. C. By occupation he is a farmer and merchant. He has been twice married—first to Miss Emma R. Higgins, of McDowell county. His second wife was Miss M. Ella Round, of Lenoir, Caldwell county. At the beginning of the war he volunteered and served as a private in Company K, 1st N. C. Volunteers, and was with this regiment in the memorable "first battle" of Bethel. When this regiment was recognized as the 11th N. C. State Troops he was elected Lieutenant in Company I, and served with this regiment to the close of the war, in the brigade that became successively Pettigrew's, Kirkland's and McRae's, of Heth's Division, 3d Army Corps of Northern Virginia. He received three wounds at the battle of Gettysburg, and was also slightly wounded in the fearful struggle in the Wilderness. Was captured at Green Castle, Pa., but made his escape and returned to the Confederate lines the same day. He was in command of Company I from the battle of Gettysburg to the final scene at Appomattox. He has never before been in public life. Was elected to his present seat in the Senate over a clever and talented gentleman by a majority of 2,262 votes, in a total vote of 3,834. He is a very quiet but good working member. Very prompt to his seat. Is Chairman of Committee on Banks and Currency, and serves on Salaries and Fees, Military Affairs, Enrolled Bills and Education.—Democrat.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

JOHN BAXTER EAVES,

RUTHERFORDTON, RUTHERFORD COUNTY, N. C.

Born June 3d, 1838. Educated in Rutherford county under Mr. Frank I. Wilson. Was a merchant until 1862, opposed secession and voted against the Convention of 1861. Entered the Confederate service in March, 1862, as Captain and served until the surrender. Was wounded March 16th, 1865, at Averysboro, N. C. Was elected County Court Clerk of Rutherford in 1865 and served till 1868. Elected State Senator as a Republican from Rutherford, Polk and Cleaveland in April, 1868. Was Assistant United States Assessor for four years. Elected State Senator in August, 1878 by 400 majority, reversing a majority of 400. Married Miss Jommie Logan, daughter of Hon. G. W. Logan, February 20th, 1866. Has six children. His wife is a graduate of Salem Female College. Committees: Internal Improvements, Salaries and Fees and Federal Relations, Joint Committee on employees of the General Assembly. Mr. E. is a nephew of Hon. John Baxter, of Knoxville, Tennessee, who is now a Judge of the United States Circuit Court; and is a nephew of Ex-Gov. Elisha Baxter, of Arkansas.—Republican.

FORTIETH DISTRICT.

THEODORE FULTON DAVIDSON,

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Was born near Waynesville, in the county of Haywood, 30th March, 1845. His parents removed to Cherokee county in 1846 where they resided until 1863. Mr. D. was sent to the village schools in Murphy until the year 1860, when he became a pupil of Col. Stephen Lee at Asheville. In 1861 he volunteered in

the "Buncombe Rifles," the first company organized west of the Blue Ridge. In the winter of 1861–'62 he joined the 39th N. C. Regiment, commanded by Col. David Coleman. He was soon made Sergeant Major of the regiment and served with it in the army of the west till 1863, in the campaign of Tennessee and Kentucky, when he was commissioned Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Gen. R. B. Vance. He filled the office of A. A. A. G. in the military district, Western North Carolina, during the year of 1864 and until the close of war in 1865, taking an active part in the campaign in East Tennessee. At the close of the war he resumed his studies at Col. Lee's, and at the same time prosecuted the study of the law under the late Judge Bailey. He was admitted to the bar of the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at June Term, 1866, of the Supreme Court, and shortly afterwards was elected Solicitor of Clay county. In 1867 he was admitted to the Superior Court bar, and soon formed a partnership with his father, the Hon. A. T. Davidson, of Asheville, which continues yet. Mr. D. has taken an active interest in public affairs for several years past. For six years he has been Chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee of Buncombe county, and for four years has been Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Eighth Congressional District. Until 1878 he declined to become a candidate for any political position. He was then nominated by acclamation, and at the polls defeated W. R. Trull, a Republican, and M. J. Fagg, an independent. In November, 1866, he married Miss Sallie K. Alexander, daughter of Capt. A. M. Alexander, of French Broad, Buncombe county. Mr. D. is a very careful member—always voting intelligently on all subjects. Takes great interest in looking into measures of importance before the Senate. Buncombe has a good representative. He serves as Chairman on Committee of Corporations, and is a member of Internal Improvements, Judiciary and Special Committee on Railroads.—Democrat.

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

TERRELL WILKIE TAYLOR.

HENDERSONVILLE, HENDERSON COUNTY, N. C.

Was born on North Mills river, in Buncombe county, (now Henderson), January 8th, 1829. Educated at the common schools and academies of the community in which he lived. His preceptors were James Patten, Wm. McKay and A. T. Livingston. Married the first time in 1849 to Miss Theresa E. McLain, of Henderson county. Second wife was Mrs. B. Y. Huggins, of Raleigh, to whom he was married May 17th, 1875. Seven children, four boys and three girls, by his first wife—none by the latter. His second wife, Mrs. Huggins, was once Principal Matron at the Insane Asylum for several years and as such won quite an enviable reputation in the performance of the arduous duties of that office. Mr. Taylor by occupation is a farmer and trader. He has been identified with the county affairs of Henderson ever since it was established. Before and during the war he served a number of years as magistrate and was Chairman of the old County Courts. He was Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff of his county for sixteen years, and as such made many warm friends in every section of the county. He was first elected to the General Assembly of North Carolina as Senator for the session of 1874–'75, from the Senatorial District composed of Henderson, Transylvania and Haywood counties. Was the regular nominee of the Democratic party in 1878 and defeated three independant Democrats and one straightout Republican by about 800 majority. His regular opponent was Rev. John C. Carson, who was on the Republican State ticket in 1876 for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. T. serves on the following Committees: Internal Improvements, Claims, and Propositions and Grievances. During the session he has been very attentive to the business before the Senate and always considered matters

properly before acting. He represents a noble constituency and they should feel justly proud of his watchfulness here, for no efforts are spared to legislate for the interest of a people so dependent upon wise legislation to develop the internal resources of their section, one of the grandest in the old North State.—Democrat.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.

BENJAMIN T. MEBANE,

MEBANEVILLE, N. C.

Was born in Orange county, May 28th, 1823. Educated at Caldwell Institute, Graham, N. C., and the State University. He graduated at Chapel Hill in the class of 1847, together with Rev. F. E. Skinner, Gen. M. W. Ransom, Gen. J. J. Pettigrew, and a number of other prominent gentlemen. Married September 8th, 1857, Miss Fannie, daughter of Maj. James Kerr, of Caswell county. Graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in March, 1850, and has been a regular and active practitioner ever since. This is the first time he ever appeared in politics, always declining any political office. He is a watchful member.—Democrat.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.

JOHN MILTON CARSON,

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.

Born Jan. 19th, 1822, in Iredell county, (now Alexander). Went to Madison, Morgan county, Ga., where he remained for several years, then returned to his native county. While in Georgia he clerked in a store, and read medicine under Dr. Oglesby. After returning to the "Tar Heel" State, he pursued his studies in Medicine under Dr. Caloway, of Wilkesboro. He attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1847-'48. Married Miss D. P. Boyd, of Alexander county, in 1852. Was Clerk and Master in Equity for 6 years. He has represented Alexander county in the General Assembly continuously since 1861, except in 1868, when he was banded by an order from Gen. Sickles, and in 1876. He is a very quiet member, but always does his own thinking and votes intelligibly.—Democrat.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

ELLIS LEFTRIDGE VAUGHAN,

GAP CIVIL, N. C.

Was born in Grayson county, Va., in 1839. Received the rudiments of an education at the common schools of the vicinity —working on the farm in the summer and going to school in the winter. In 1856 went to Independence High School, then under charge of Rev. Wm. M. Robey, late President of Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C., and attended that school for ten months. When only 19 years old he was elected to the office of Commissioner of Revenue for Grayson county, and served two years. This was a well merrited compliment, for really the law required the person filling that place to be 21 years old, but the

question was not raised against him and he was allowed to serve out his term. At the beginning of the war he entered the Confederate service as 1st Lieutenant of Company D, 37th Va. Cavalry, and served in that capacity until August 1863, at which time he was discharged on account of ill health. But it was not long until he was able for duty and was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the field Transportation Department, in which capacity he served very acceptibly to the close of the war. In the year 1865 he settled in Alleghany county, read law, and since 1870 has been a practicing lawyer in that and adjacent counties. Was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1875 without opposition. He served in that body on the Legislative Department Committee, of which Hon. T. L. Clingman was Chairman. While in the Convention he introduced and advocated an ordinance to abolish the Senate of North Carolina. Was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1876-'77 by the largest vote ever cast for a representative from that county. Was again, contrary to his expressed will, nominated for and elected, without opposition, to the House of Representatives in the present Legislature. He is a very active and working member and serves his constituency faithfully. He is Chairman of Committee on Railroads, &c., and member of Committee on Public Printing, and the Judiciary Committee. He married Miss C. E. Lester, of Rockingham county, N. C., and has four children. He serves on the Judiciary and several other Committees. Is Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, also Chairman of the Joint Democratic Caucus. During the session Mr. Moring was compelled to be absent a great deal of his time on account of sickness in his family, and to supply a want Mr. Vaughan was elected Speaker *pro tem.* by a unanimous vote. He is a good parliamentarian and in every way competent to preside over the deliberations of the body. He is an earnest worker and a most excellent member. He represents a solid constituency, and the good citizens of Alleghany should feel proud that they have such a faithful representative. By occupation he is a lawyer and farmer. He has a good run of practice and runs a first-class farm.—Democrat.

ANSON COUNTY.

JAMES ALEXANDER LOCKHART.

WADESBORO, N. C.

Born in Anson county June 2nd, 1850. Graduated at Trinity College with the class of 1873. Read law under Maj. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, and received license to practice at the June term of the Supreme Court in 1874. He located at Wadesboro, where he still resides. Married Feb. 6th, 1878, to Miss Lina, youngest daughter of Judge Ashe. Though young in years, he has served as Mayor of his town, which honor, however, was conferred upon him almost without his knowledge. He never sought political preferment, but the people of his county, recognizing his worth, nominated and elected him to his present seat without the least solicitation on his part. He is an active and efficient member.—Democrat.

ASHE COUNTY.

J. E. FOSTER,

JEFFERSON, N. C.

Born in Wilkes county Feb. 20th, 1828. His educational advantages were limited to those of the common schools of the community. Moved to Ashe county in 1852. In 1855 he married Miss Davis, of Mecklenburg county. In the Secession Contion of 1861 he represented Ashe and Alleghany, both counties then being entitled to only one member. During the war he served as commissioner to collect supplies for the army. Served as magistrate many years. By occupation he is a merchant and farmer, and in both lines of business he has been very successful. He was elected to his present seat without solicitation on his part, and had no opposition. He serves on Committees: Propositions and Grievances, Public Buildings and Printing Com-

mittee. He is a close thinker, and always considers subjects carefully, and then does his own voting.—Democrat.

BEAUFORT COUNTY.

SAMUEL FRANKLIN OSBORNE.

FORK SWAMP, N. C.

Born July 7th, 1840. Educated at common schools. Went to Hyde county in 1859 and began teaching, being but 19 years of of age. He returned to his native county in 1860 and continued to teach until the fall of 1861. He was elected Second Lieutenant, under Capt. Geo. Waters, of the malitia, and remained a malitia officer during the war. In 1866 he purchased a farm and began agricultural pursuits, and has continued that since. He was elected in 1878 to represent the counties of Beaufort and Pamlico by a majority of 341. Married April 3d, 1873, Miss Virginia Allen, of Plymouth, Washington county, N. C., by whom he has three children.—Republican.

BERTIE COUNTY.

WILL. CHERRY ETHERIDGE,

COLERAINE, N. C.

Was born in Bertie county July 17th, 1856. Attended Trinity College until he passed through the Junior Class. Left there in 1874, and went to Washington Lee University, where he graduated with class of 1876. He was a candidate for the Legislature in the summer of 1876, but on account of the county being largely Republican he was defeated. But feeling that he was the exponent of a party that would finally triumph he

ran again in 1878 and was elected over his negro opponent by 500 majority. He is the first Democrat from Bertie county since the war, and is the youngest member in the General Assembly, he being only about 22 years old. It is a proud record that one so young should so gain the confidence and esteem of the people of the county as to be honored with such a place of trust. He serves on the Judiciary and several other committees. He is a brilliant speaker for his experience and has taken an active part in a great many of the prominent measures before the House.—Democrat.

BLADEN COUNTY.

JOHN NEWELL.

CLARKTON, N. C.

Born November 11th, 1839. Never went to school a day in his life. What education he has attained was by applying himself during the spare moments from his work. Was bound out when only seven months old. He has been county commissioner four years and school commissioner six years. This is his second term to the House of Representatives. Married Mary Moriah Pittman February 16th, 1868, and has seven children—only three living. He is on Committees: Agriculture and Claims.—Republican, (Col.)

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

ALBERT CALVIN MEARES.

SHALLOATTE, N. C.

Born in Columbus county, March 11th, 1848. His occupation is that of a farmer and teacher. He raises large quantities

of peanuts, market for which he finds in Wilmington and Charleston. He began teaching when only 18 years old and has been teaching from time to time ever since. He moved from Columbus to Brunswick in December, 1875. Married December 23d, 1875, to Miss Josephene Thomas, daughter of C. Thomas, Esq., of Brunswick. Was elected to the House by a small majority—that county formerly being Republican. He serves on Committees: Internal Improvements, Immigration and Military Affairs. A very careful and attentive member.—Democrat.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

MELVIN EDMONDSON CARTER,

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Was born in Madison county, February 27th, 1843. Early in life he was under the instruction of that favorably known teacher, Col. Lee, of Asheville; later he attended Chapel Hill. He read law with Judge J. L. Baily, and received license to practice at the January term of 1867. He was a gallant soldier during the war. Though he was very young when he entered service he was elected Captain of a company in the 64th Regiment. In 1865 the yankees captured him in East Tennessee, and after being confined in a number of different prisons, he finally made his escape while being transferred from Indianapolis to Fort Delaware, by secreting himself under the railway platform at Jersey City. After many narrow escapes and interesting adventures he finally succeeding in making his way through the enemy's line, and joined his command again. Married Miss Susie Rawles, of Union, S. C., June 26th, 1877. He was a member of the House of Representatives for 1876–'77, and making a faithful and efficient member the good people of Buncombe returned him here again to the present session. He is Chairman of Committee on Internal Improvement, Chairman

of the House branch of the Democratic caucus, Chairman of Committee to investigate Railroad charters, second on Judiciary and serves on several other important committees. He has interested himself specially during the present session in promoting the railroad enterprises of his section, in enlarging the jurisdiction of magistrates, and in other measures looking to reduction of county expenses. He advocated strongly the bill to commute and settle the State debt. Mr. C. is high up on the list of substantial and influential members of the House and has by his labors done much in shaping valuable legislation during this session.—Democrat.

NATT. ATKINSON.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Born November 15th, 1832, in McMin county, Tenn. Educated at Dr. Wilson's famous school in Alamance county, this State, and at Hiwassee College, Tennessee. Married Miss Harriett N. Baird, of Buncombe county, February 2d, 1858, and has ten children living. Went into the war at the very beginning as 1st Lieutenant in the 1st Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry, but on losing most of his men and horses in an engagement with the enemy he resigned and raised another company and was made Senior Captain in the 62d Tennessee Regiment, and much of the time commanded his regiment in the heroic defense our soldiers made in the siege of Vicksburg—where with ten days rations that gallant band successfully resisted and repulsed Gen. Grant with more than ten times their force and all the appliances of war that his heart could wish. After the exchange of the Vicksburg soldiers Captain A was assigned to duty in the department of West Virginia and Tennessee, and for the last year of the war was commander of his regiment, although for some cause at Richmond his commission as Colonel was never issued. On the surrender of Gen. Lee his (Vaughn's) and Morgan's Brigades made their way to Charlotte to join President Davis, and in that retreat Capt. A. was assigned the important duty with his regiment in defending the rear, and so

well did he perform his duty that on their arrival at Charlotte he was personally complimented by President Davis. He was then assigned with his command as a part of the escort of President Davis in his efforts to reach the trans-Mississippi department and was with him till a few days before his capture by the Federal forces in Georgia. At the close of the war Captain A. commenced the practice of law at Asheville—not being allowed to return to his home in Tennessee in consequence of the reign of terror that ruled there under Brownlow's administration. He afterwards became the Editor of the *Citizen*, and for several years his paper was the only journal in that Congressional District that upheld the cause of the Democratic party. Much of our great majority there now may doubtless be placed to his credit. He afterwards sold the *Citizen* and engaged in the fruit business near Asheville, and to-day has likely more reputation in that line than any man in the South, having taken the medal at the Centennial and other National fairs for the finest apples, and through his efforts North Carolina is noted as the finest fruit growing section of the world. He led his ticket in the election last summer in Buncombe, and is one of the most industrious members of the House. He inaugurated the movement of Retrenchment and Reform and through his unceasing efforts a large curtailment of the State's expenditures has been made—consequently a reduction of the taxes for the coming year. He is devoted to the interests of his mountain country, and his efforts in their behalf will be duly recognized by an appreciating constituency.—Democrat.

BURKE COUNTY.

BARTLETT ALEXANDER BERRY.

MORGANTON, N. C.

Was born in Burke county February 1st, 1830. His educational facilities were limited to the home country schools. Like

many young men of the present day, he was not content when he grew up to manhood until he took a trip West. At the age of 22 he left the old North State for the gold regions of California, and on his way to and from the "great State of the West," he touched at and remained for some time at Havanah, Cuba; Panama, on the Isthmus of Darian; Aspenwall, New Orleans and several other noted places. In the year 1856 he became convinced that the great places of the South and West with all their attractions could not furnish him a home with as much contentment as his native county, so he returned and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Farming has been his chief occupation ever since he permanently located, though much of his time has been devoted to the manufacturing of flour and lumber. He now has some good flouring and saw mills on his farm near Morganton. Soon after his return from the West he became firmly convinced that there was one thing needed to complete his happiness, so on the 2nd day of June, 1857, he led to the himenial alter Miss Mira A. Hennessee, of Burke county. He has been identified with the county affairs of Burke for a number of years. In August 1860 he was elected Sheriff of the county and served his people in that office for ten years. Been county commissioner for some four or five years. Was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by 273 majority. He is a member of the Committee on salaries and Fees, and Counties, Towns and Cities. A very attentive representative—Democrat.

CABARRUS COUNTY.

WILLIAM HENRY ORCHARD,

CONCORD, N. C.

The Representative of Cabarrus county, W. H. Orchard, was born on the 9th day of April, 1825, in the county of Cornwall, England. Was placed at school in the year 1831, and remained

at school until the year 1838. The only teachings or system of education in the common Schools of the county at that time was from the Bible and small hand dictionary, with writing and arithmetic. In the year 1838 he was placed at work at one of the deepest mines in Cornwall, and remained at work until the year 1844, when he visited London for the purpose of gaining general information, returning to his home in the winter of that year. In the spring of 1845 he visited Dublin, Ireland, for the purpose of information. Left Dublin in May, 1845 for New York, and after a voyage of seven weeks and three days landed on the American shore on the 3d day of July, 1845. After a few weeks stay in the city of New York, he went back into Pennsylvania to Schuylkill county, known as the coal region. From the coal region, in the spring of 1847, he removed to Montgomery county, Pa., to the then newly opened copper mines at Shannonville. In the month of January, 1849, he married in Schuylkill county, Pa., Elizabeth Fisher, who was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 28th day of May, 1821. Their only child living is one daughter, born in 1850, and married in 1867 to Martin Boger, in Cabarrus county. He remained at Shannonville, Pa., until August, 1850. From there was sent to St. Lawrence county, New York, to superintend and manage the Lead Mines of the St. Lawrence Lead Mining Co. In the year 1852, at the October term of the Superior Court for that county, held at Canton, he was duly naturalized and made a citizen of the United States. In June, 1853, at the solicitation of many friends, was engaged to take the management of the Phœnix Gold Mining Company's property in Cabarrus county, at which place he has continued to make his permanent home, although he has been engaged as superintendent of mines in Mecklenburg and Guilford counties in this State, he accepted the Democratic doctrine as being the doctrine or political organization most thoroughly adapted to the wants of a republican form of government. Since the year 1865 he has been engaged most of his time in agricultural pursuits. He serves on Committees: Corporations, State Debt, Railroads, and is Chairman of Banks and Currency. A valuable member.—Democrat.

CALDWELL COUNTY.

EDMUND JONES.

LENOIR, N. C.

Was born at Clover Hill, Caldwell county, his old family homestead, on April 15th, 1848. Was prepared for College at Bingham High School and at Finley High School. Entered the University in 1864, which he left to join the 3d N. C. Cavalry. Remained with his regiment as a private soldier until the surrender at Appomatox. After the close of the war he returned to Chapel Hill, where he remained until the closing of the University under the administration of Gov. Holden. He then went to the University of Virginia, remaining there one year. Upon his return home, in 1869, he was elected a Justice of the Peace. In 1870 he was chosen as the representative of his native county in the Legislature; chosen again in 1872, and again in 1878. He has been for the last four years of his service Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, and is, besides, a member of the Committee on Judiciary, Deaf Dumb and Blind, and Chairman of the Committee on Rules of the House, and a member on Public Printing. Married Eugenia E., daughter of Maj. A. M. Lewis, of Raleigh, N. C., on the 29th of October, 1872. He is one of the most influential members of the House. He has quick perception and clear view of most questions that arise, speaks well and takes a prominent part in the discussion of a great many issues before the House.—Democrat.

CAMDEN COUNTY.

SIMEON JONES FORBES.

SHILOH, N. C.

Born in Camden, May 27th, 1822, and is son of Silas Forbes, Esq. Attended common schools. Married Feb. 1st, 1844, Miss

Mary, daughter of Tully Morrisett, Esq. Has 9 children—only 5 living, 4 boys and 1 girl. By occupation he is a farmer. Been County Commissioner 2 years. Was appointed Magistrate under the Canby Government. Was elected to his present seat by 286 majority. Committees: Internal Improvements, Private Bills, Banks and Currency.—Democrat.

CARTERET COUNTY.

ALFRED HATCH CHADWICK.

BEAUFORT, N. C.

Born March 28th, 1832. Married July 10th, 1856, to Miss Mary C. Whitehurst, daughter of David W. Whitehurst, Esq., who represented Carteret county several years in the Legislature. A merchant by occupation and conducts a very systematic business—never owing an account more than thirty days. Was elected on the first Board of County Commissioners in 1868, and re-elected in 1870, during which term he was Chairman. Was again re-elected in 1872. He served two years as Postmaster, ten years as Magistrate and two years as Commissioner of Wrecks. Was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1879 by 482 majority. He serves upon the Finance Committee, also Committee on Internal Improvement.—Democrat.

CASWELL COUNTY.

THOMAS SATTERTHWAITE HARRISON,

PURLEY, N. C.

Was born in Caswell county, N. C., on July 22d, 1842. Educated at Yanceyville Academy and Trinity College, N. C. En-

listed as private in Company A. 13th Reg't N. C. S. T., in May, 1861, and was discharged therefrom in July, 1862. Was appointed by the Auditor of Public Accounts (Hon. S. F. Phillips) as clerk in that office in December, 1862, which position he accepted and held until the latter part of 1863. Married August 24th, 1863, to Miss Adeline H. Slade, of Caswell, who died 22d February, 1878. Mr. Harrison was Magistrate in Caswell for several years. Was elected Mayor of Milton in 1872, at which place he was then dealer in leaf tobacco. Elected to the House of Representatives from Caswell in 1874, 1876 and again in 1878 as an Independent. Never attended a caucus of either political party. He was the only member of the House who voted for Hon. A. S. Merrimon for U. S. Senator in January last. Is a member of the Committee on Appointment of Magistrates, and also on Engrossed Bills. Mr. Harrison's father and grandfather both represented Caswell county before him. Farmer by occupation.—Independent Republican.

WILSON CARY.

FITCH'S STORE, N. C.

Born in Amelia county, Va., Aug. 1st, 1831. Came to North Carolina in 1855. Attended the common schools of Richmond, Va. Married Miss Francis Kimbro, of Caswell county, in 1857. Has had 15 children—only 8 living. Been Magistrate 2 years. County Commissioner 2 years. Has taught school a great deal as an occupation. He was a member to the Constitutional Convention of 1868. Elected to the House for session '69-'70 and '74. Was in the Convention of 1875. In the House in 1876-'77, and again in 1879. Was elected last time by 300 majority over two opponents. Serves on the Committee of Education.—Republican (Col.).

CATAWBA COUNTY.

CAPT. R. B. DAVIS,

HICKORY, N. C.

Was born in Halifax county, Va., November 24, 1836. Graduated at Hampden Sydney College in 1854. Read law one session at the University of Virginia, and was reading law when the civil war began. Entered the Confederate army as a private April 24th, 1861, and commanded a battery of light artillery at Appomatox Court House, April 9th, 1865. Married Cornelia J., daughter of the late N. N. Nixon, Esq., of Wilmington, N. C., June 25th, 1868. In 1872 was the Democratic nominee for the Virginia Senate from his native county, and although the Republican majority had been 1,500, he was beaten by less than 300 votes. In 1874 removed from Virginia to Wilmington, N. C., and thence after a residence of a few months to Catawba county, and resides near Hickory, of which county he was the Democratic nominee, and as such elected to the present House of Representatives by a majority of 516 votes over the combined vote of his three competitors. He serves on Committees: Education, Public Debt, Joint Rules, is Chairman Private Bills, and was on the special committee of three to investigate the management of the Western North Carolina Railroad and the Western Insane Asylum. Capt. Davis is a hard working and very intelligent member. To him is mainly due the saving of about $230,000 to the State in one instance during the present session. When the bill to adjust the State debt was before the committee, he originated the clause which provides that the interest on the promised shall not begin until July 1st, 1880. This saves to the people of the State all the interest that would have accrued on the bonds for about eighteen months. He has been a very faithful member, and though this is his first term in the legislative halls he has made quite an enviable reputation. In reference to his course in the present General Assembly the leading Democratic organ in Eastern Carolina, the Wilmington Morning Star of March 1st, 1879, has this to say: "Among the

very ablest men in either branch of the Legislature is the member of the House of Representatives from Catawba. As North Carlinians we have watched his course with pride and gratification. He has been the friend of every measure which tended to build up the great interests of the State. He has fought all jobs with unflinching courage. He is chivalrous and brave as he is courteous and kind. A finished scholar, an elegant orator, an accomplished gentleman he well represents the people of his adopted county."—Democrat.

CHATHAM COUNTY.

JOSEPH JOHN GOLSTON,

EGYPT, N. C.

Born January 31st, 1825. He received only a common English education. Occupation a farmer. Married Miss Eliza L. Watson, April 21st, 1855, by whom he has seven children. Was in Home Guard service during the war. He is a grandson of Col. William Golston, a noted soldier in days that are passed. Belongs to the Methodist church. Been surveyor of his county for eight years. Was nominated without his solicitation and elected by 500 majority over a Republican and an Independent. A good member. Committees: Internal Improvements and Finance.—Democrat.

CHEROKEE COUNTY.

ROBERT BRUCE,

NOTLA, N. C.

Born in Habbersham county, Ga., September 15th, 1826. Educational advantages limited to the common schools. Mar-

ried Miss Catharine Cearley, of Wilkes county, N. C., by whom he has had nine children—five girls and four boys. Occupation a farmer. Moved to North Carolina in 1872. Was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by 40 majority. Serves on Committees of Propositions and Grievances.—Republican.

CHOWAN COUNTY.

HALSEY HENRY HOBBS.

WARDVILLE, N. C.

Born in Gates county in May 1822. Left Gates when about 16 years old and moved to Chowan. Attended common schools. Farmer. Married Miss Elizabeth Griffin first time—his second wife was Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Chowan. Both are now dead. Six children. Been county commissioner six years. Was elected by 45 majority over three opponents. Serves on Comtee of Penal Institutions.—Republican.

CLAY COUNTY.

JAMES STANHOPE ANDERSON,

HAYESVILLE, N. C.

Was born in Haywood county (now Jackson) N. C., January 6th, 1835. He attended a few short sessions of schools at various times and places, but whatever education he may be in possession of is the result of casual hours of self study during the vicisitudes of a rather border or frontier life. June 14th, 1861, he entered as volunteer in the Confederate army. Was elected Captain of Company A, 29th Regiment, N. C. troops.

Was in several hot contested fields, among them the battle of Stones River (Murfreesboro) Tennessee, on 31st December, 1862, which perhaps was a day of as great mortality as any day of the war between the States. He was deputy sheriff before the war for two short periods. Represented Clay county in the General Assembly in the following years 1870-'71-'72-'73 and '74. He was delegate to the State Convention of 1875 and elected to the Legislature again in 1878. He was married to Josephine S. Ketron June 6th, 1866, and resides at Hayesville, near where he was married, in Clay county. Committees: Chairman Committee on Immigration, on Counties, Towns and Townships, Insane Asylum. He is a very diligent member, and represents his constituency well. By occupation he is a farmer, merchant and stock raiser.—Democrat.

CLEAVELAND COUNTY.

LEWIS EDWARD POWERS.

SHELBY, N. C.

Born near Norfolk, Va., March 24th, 1841. He moved with his father, L. A. Powers, Esq., to Camden county, N. C., in 1855. He entered Yadkin College, Davidson county, in 1861, but during the same year he volunteered and entered the Confederate army. He was a member of General Leach's Company, and was through the war. Was in twenty-seven engagements, and was wounded severely two times, and slightly seven times. Married October 23rd, 1862, to Miss S. M. Elliott, of Cleaveland county. Has four children. After the war located in Cleveland and has been engaged in mechanical pursuits ever since. Was opposed in the late campaign by Reuben McBrayer, Esq., and W. C. Parham. Was elected by 370 majority. Committees: Propositions and Grievances, Enrolled Bills, Immigration County Government.—Democrat.

COLUMBUS COUNTY.

VAN V. RICHARDSON,

WHITEVILLE, N. C.

Born November 6th, 1839. He attended the ordinary country schools and the Academy at Whiteville. The war prevented him from completing his course of education. He entered the Confederate service as Lieutenant of Company H, 18th Regiment, N. C. troops, but was soon made Captain of Company C of the same regiment. He served in the army of Northern Virginia until May, 1864, during which month he was badly wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, while commanding the sharp shooters of Lane's Brigade. In the month of August, 1864, he was elected Sheriff of Columbus county and re elected continuously until 1872—he declining to serve in that capacity any longer. The same year he was elected to the House of Representatives and has served as a member of the General Assembly ever since. During the whole time he has been a very valuable member—occupying a prominent place on the most responsible committees. He has been Chairman of Committees: Finance, Internal Improvements and Corporations, and rendered valuable service as a member of various other committees. It is very complimentary indeed that he should be chosen to serve his county so long without intermission—eight years as sheriff and seven years as member to the General Assembly, and it shows conclusively that he is a man of real worth and that the good people of his county properly appreciate his ability. He was elected in 1878 almost without opposition. He is a close thinker, a good worker and well merits the confidence of his constituency.—Democrat.

CRAVEN COUNTY.

WILLIAM EDWARDS CLARKE.

NEWBERNE, N. C.

Was born in Raleigh, March 7th, 1850. He is a son of Judge W. J. and Mrs. Mary Bayard Clarke. His mother is one of North Carolina's best female writers. He was educated at Davidson College. Was not old enough to enter service during the war, but near the close he was connected with the Quartermaster's Department. In the year 1866 he, with his father's family, left Raleigh and moved to Johnston county, and after residing there two years took up his abode in Newberne. For three years he was a teacher in the New York Institute for the Deaf and Dumb. This was very complimentary for a gentleman of his age to receive a position as teacher in such an institution. While connected with this institution he was also engaged in reading law. In 1873 he graduated at Columbia College, a noted and very high grade law school, after which he returned to Newberne, and has been practicing at that place and Goldsboro ever since. His party recognizing his ability elected him to represent Craven county in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly for the session of 1876–'77, and feeling that the honor was worthily bestowed re-elected him to the same position for the present session. He was elected by 1,700 majority. He serves on the following Committees: Internal Improvements, Judiciary, State Debt, Enrolled Bills, Ridings of Judges and Military Affairs.—Republican.

WILLIS D. PETTIPHER.

NEWBERNE, N. C.

Was born in Craven county, five miles from the city of Newberne, on the 17th May, 1844. Educated in Newberne. Was married March 28th, 1878, and has two children (twins), and at this writing only eight days old. Been Justice of the Peace

eight years, county commissioner two years, school committeeman two years, and deputy sheriff seven years. This is his first term in the Legislature. He was born of free parents and has been right successful in his financial managements, for to-day he pays tax on about $3,000 worth of property.—Republican. (Col.)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

JOHN C. BLOCKER.

CEDAR CREEK, N. C.

Is a native of Sampson county. Was born October 28th, 1811. Moved to Cumberland county in the year 1831, but soon afterwards moved to Georgia and remained there for two years. Then returned and settled in Cumberland county. Was raised an orphan boy and, like a large proportion of that class of unfortunate young men, had almost no advantages to obtain an education. He, however, attended the old field schools and studied by himself whenever he could get an opportunity from his daily labors. For about thirty years previous to and during the war he was engaged in carrying mails and contractor for various mail lines through the State. This was in the times of slow transportation, when there were very few lines of railroad in the State, the mail being carried by stage. Since the war he has been engaged merchandising, distilling turpentine, and farming in the Cape Fear District. He has been a man of great energy, and even now in his old age is more vigorous and active in any of his undertakings than many men who have not seen half the number of winters that he has. He married Miss Julia Ann Braddy, of Tarboro, on the 31st of December, 1839, by whom he has three children. He is a member of the masonic fraternity and is a class-leader and exhorter in the Methodist church. In times that are past he was a Henry Clay Whig but now affiliates with the Republican party. He first appeared in public

life as a member of the Convention in 1875. Was elected to the House of Representatives for the present session by 123 majority. Committees: Agriculture, Railroads and Postroads, Retrenchment and Reform, and Public Buildings.—Republican.

THOMAS SNIPES LUTTERLOH,

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Born in Chatham county July, 16th, 1816. Moved to Fayetteville in 1831. Married Miss Mary Francis, daughter of Rev. Jarvis Buxton. Had ten children but six are now dead. Was educated at the common schools. In addition to carrying on an extensive mercantile business, he owns and runs a line of steamboats on the Cape Fear river from Fayetteville to Wilmington. Has been running these boats for twenty years. Been magistrate twenty-five years, mayor of Fayetteville two years. Was elected to the House of Representatives in 1866–'67–'71–'72, 1873–'74 and to the present House by 250 majority. Committees: Internal Improvements and Insane Asylum. He has had much experience in legislative proceedings and business life generally, and is a very intelligent and well posted gentleman.—Republican.

CURRITUCK COUNTY.

JAMES MONROE WOODHOUSE,

POPLAR BRANCH, N. C.

Was born in Currituck county on the 14th day of December, 1835, and is 44 years old. He received a common school education, studied no profession, and is a farmer by occupation. In 1867 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for his county, and has held that position ever since. In 1861 he was commissioned Colonel of the militia of Currituck county, and after the

fall of Roanoke Island in 1862 was for some time in active service with his command. After the war returned to his duties on the farm and was successful. In 1868 was elected county commissioner. Was elected by the Democratic party as a member of the House of Representatives in the years of 1870–'72, 1874 and again in 1878. Was never beaten, and having a deep seat in the affections of his people he can't be. In 1859 the Colonel was united in matrimony with Miss Sarah M. Gallop, of his own county, and has six children living. He is one of the most popular men in his county, and the man has yet to come who can carry a larger vote than he can. As a representative of his people, he is ever watchful of their interests. Courteous, manly, dignified in his manners, and to his friends true, tried and confiding—to every one liberal to a fault—he is one of the best known, best liked, and among the most influential members of the present House. In politics he is Democratic to the backbone. Committees: Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, on Agriculture, Statistics and Mining.—Democrat.

DARE COUNTY.

GEORGE LEFFERS FULCHER,

CAPE HATTERAS, N. C.

Born in Hyde county, March 14th, 1838. Educated at Trinity College. Married Miss Cinthia Stowe, by whom he has five children living. Was elected County Commissioner in Hyde in 1868. Elected to the House from Dare county in 1876. Re-elected to the present term by 12 majority. Committees: Enrolled Bills and Fish Interest. By profession he is a school teacher. He is a very watchful but unobtrusive member.—Democrat.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

GEORGE FRANKLIN SMITH,

LINWOOD, N. C.

Born Sept. 27th, 1825. Common country education. Married Dec. 1847, to Miss Nancy J. Miller, daughter of Capt. Geo. Miller, of that county. For several years was Captain of the Lexington Artillery, a uniform company that existed for several years before the war. Volunteered in May, '62, as 1st Lieut. of Co. A., 54th N. C. Reg't. Was promoted to Captain in '63. Captured at the battle of Rapahanock Station, Nov. 7th, '63. Taken to Washington City, then to Johnson's Island on Lake Erie, Ohio, where he remained until the surrender. Since the war he has been farming and merchandising. Been magistrate for several years. Was elected by a majority of 177. He is a very intelligent gentleman and makes a good member.—Democrat.

JONES COLUMBUS MILLER,

LEXINGTON, N. C.

Born in Randolph county, Aug. 17th, 1837. Educated at the free schools of the neighborhood. Married Miss Sarah J. Capiter, daughter of Micojah Capiter, Esq., of Randolph county, Jan. 3rd, 1861. During the early part of the war he was 1st Lieutenant in Science Hill Company of Militia and later was elected Captain of the detailed men of the 63rd Regiment. Moved to Davidson county in the year 1869, where he has resided ever since. His occupation is that of farming, tanning and trading. Deals largely in real estate and leather. Was a candidate for a seat in the Legislature in 1876 on the Republican ticket, and was defeated by 34 votes—he receiving, however, the largest vote ever cast in the county for one not elected. He was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by a large majority. He claims to be only a moderate man so

far as political lines are concerned, ever looking to the interest of his constituents. Always casts his vote according to his convictions of right, regardless of party affiliations. He is a member of the Committee on Privileges and elections.—Republican.

DAVIE COUNTY.

FRANCES MARION JOHNSON.

FARMINGTON, N. C.

Born Oct. 4th, 1837. Graduated at Chapel Hill with the class of 1858. Married Miss A. L. Douthit, daughter of Stephen Douthit, Esq., July 16th, 1861. By profession he is a Methdist, and is a Steward in that church. In his community he is a man of considerable influence and of great value to those around him. He is Master of the Masonic Lodge at his place, also High Priest of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. By occupation he is a merchant and farmer; he also does a considerable business in the way of manufacturing flour and lumber at his grist and saw mills. He never sought political preferment, but when the party placed the nomination on him he felt that it was his duty to serve, and was elected over an Independent by about 200 votes majority. Committees: Insane Asylum, Post Roads and Railroads. During the session he received the high honor of being elected a Trustee of the State University. He intelligently and faithfully represents the good people of Davie, and never wastes the time of the House with unmeaning talk, but casts his vote and influence with discrimination.—Democrat.

DUPLIN COUNTY.

ALBERT STRONG COLWELL,

HARRELL'S STORE, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Sampson county October 5th, 1839. Occupation, a farmer and merchant. His educational advantages were limited to the common schools of the community—worked in the summer and went to school in the winter. At the age of 21 years he entered the Confederate service. He was in Col. W. S. Devanes' company, 61st Regiment, N. C. S. T. After serving for 9 months he became physically disabled and was discharged from further army service. After remaining at home for some time his health became better and he again entered service as a volunteer in Capt. Taylor's company of heavy artillery. This was in 1863, and the command with which he served was stationed below Wilmington. Again he was compelled to leave the camp life on account of rheumatism. He then secured a situation on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, where he remained until hostilities ceased. In Mr. Colwell is one of but few cases where the rheumatism did not get well soon after the war. He suffers much yet from this dreaded disease. He has had but little to do with politics, but has always been a "true blue" and uncompromising Democrat, opposed to independents and bolters in every form. In the nominating convention of 1878 he received 1896 out of 2100 votes, on the first ballot. This is his first term in the General Assembly, but he shows wisdom and ability in his acts that far surpasses some members of many years experience in Legislative bodies. Committees: Public Roads, Finance, Retrenchment and Reform. Is chairman of the first mentioned. He was married July 5th, 1862, to Miss M. C. Wells, of Duplin county, by whom he has seven children.—Democrat.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LAMB.

WALLACE, N. C.

Born in Sampson county, March 8th, 1827. Farmer. Married June 12th, 1845, to Miss Ann Mathis, of Sampson. Moved to Duplin county in 1858. Been magistrate 16 years. County Commissioner nearly 5 years. Member of County Court 2 years. Had eight children, 2 dead. Elected to his present seat in the House by 150 majority. Serves on Committees: Corporations, Library, Private Bills, Salaries and Fees. A gentleman of much integrity and a sturdy member.—Democrat.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

DRED WIMBERLY.

TARBORO, N. C.

Born March 15th, 1849. Attended the schools of Tarboro. Married Miss Kisiah Wimberly October 7th, 1869—four children living, one dead. He was a member of the School Committee, but resigned to come to the Legislature. Was elected to his present seat by near 2,000 majority. Committees: Immigration. Salaries and Fees.—Republican, (col).

CLINTON WESLEY BATTLE.

BATTLEBORO, N. C.

Was born in Edgecombe county September 27th, 1849. Was educated at the Shaw University in Raleigh. Was married April 6th, 1876, to Siddie Ann Bryant, of Edgecombe county, by whom he has one child. In public life he has served two years as Trustee of Swift Creek Township, at the expiration of which term he was elected, in 1876, as County Commissioner.

in which capacity he served two years. Was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by about 3300 votes majority. He is on committees: Propositions and Grievances, and Counties, Towns and Townships.—Republican.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

CHARLES M. COOKE,

FRANKLINTON, N. C.

Mr. Cooke is one of the most accomplished, useful and popular members of the House of Representatives. He is regarded, indeed, as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in that branch of the General Assembly, and it is but just to say that his qualities of head and heart admirably qualify him for that honorable position. Mr. Cooke was born in Franklin county in 1844, and is, therefore, near thirty-five years old. His father, Capt. Jones Cooke, was a gentleman of worth, and generally respected by all who knew him. The maiden name of his mother, who was of Northern birth, was Jane A. Kinsbury. Mr. Cooke was fitted for college at the Louisburg Academy by M. S. Davis, and entered Wake Forest College in 1860. He was not permitted to graduate, for the war having begun, he volunteered at the end of the Sophomore year. For a time he served as Lieutenant of infantry, but at the close of the war was acting as Adjutant of the 55th N. C. Regiment, Cooke's Brigade. He was severely wounded in the last battles around Richmond and Petersburg, and was captured by the Federal troops when Richmond fell into their hands. At the close of the war he labored on his father's farm and read law with Col. W. F. Green. Obtaining license to practice in the County and Superior Courts in January 1867–'68, he settled at Louisburg, the capitol of his county, and has since devoted himself with great earnestness and success to the practice of his profession. He is at present the law-partner of the Hon. Joseph Davis,

member of Congress from the Metropolitan District. He was chosen to represent his Senatorial District in 1874 in the General Assembly, and in February, 1877, he was appointed by Gov. Vance, Solicitor of the 6th Judicial District. In 1868, Mr. Cooke married Miss Bettie Person, and thus strengthened his influence by alliance with an old and honorable family. Mr. Cooke is a good lawyer, an able, effective and popular speaker; his personal appearance is commanding; his manners are bland, genial, and cordial in a high degree; his temper is amiable, his disposition generous, and his character of spotless purity. When to these good qualities we add his resemblage of human nature, and his skill in managing men, we are not surprised at his extraordinary personal popularity, and may well regard him with pride and hope as one of the coming men of the State. He is already, next to his partner, the amiable and excellent "Jos. Davis," the most popular man in all his section of the State. Mr. Cooke is a professing christian, having been for a number of years a consistent member of the Baptist church. He is the Superintendent of the Sunday-School of his church, and a hearty and liberal supporter of all benevolent enterprises. He is a man in moderate circumstances, and yet he gave, two years ago, one thousand dollars towards the erection of a Baptist Church in the village where he lives. He is a Trustee of Wake Forest College, and the esteem in which he is held as a christian gentleman by the people of his own communion was shown by the fact, that he was called to preside over the Baptist State Convention at its session held in Raleigh three years ago. —Democrat.

FORSYTH COUNTY.

WILLIAM ALLEN LOWREY,

WINSTON, N. C.

Born in the town of Kenansville, Forsyth county, Jan. 20th, 1842. His father was then a merchant, the junior partner of

the firm of Hunt & Lowrey, the first firm that ever done business of the kind in the place. When less than two years old he moved with his father's family to a farm three miles from town, where he was brought up a farmer's boy. He attended the common schools of the community, and also Kenansville High School. Was in the service of the Confederate States for three years. In the fall of 1865 he married Miss Laura F. Flint, of Forsyth county, by whom he has five children. In the fall of 1876 he moved to a farm six miles from the flourishing town of Winston, where he has been engaged ever since in milling and agricultural pursuits. In public life he has served eight years as a magistrate; was elected to his present seat in the House by 203 majority. Committees: Finance, Military Affairs, and County Government.—Republican.

GASTON COUNTY.

HARLEY BENJAMIN HUFFSTETLER,

WOOTEN STATION, N. C.

Born in Lincoln county (now Gaston) Nov. 1st, 1823. His father died when he was only 19, and left him the eldest of seven children, upon whom all responsibilities of the management for the family fell. Married Miss E. A. Arrowood, February 1st, 1848. Second wife was Miss Eliza E. Froneberger, to whom he was married November 13th, 1877. Been magistrate seven years. Was member board of county court one term. Was Democratic nominee in 1868, but defeated. August 3rd, 1868, he was burned out of home by the Union League. He was elected to his present seat by 174 majority over very formadible opposition. He is member Committees: Agriculture and Private Bills. He is a very attentive member, and has uncompromising faith in the Democratic party, which, we think, will grow no less even though he live to the age of Mathuslah.—Democrat.

GATES COUNTY.

JOHN JACOB GATLING,

GATLINGTON, N. C.

Was born near Reynoldson, Gates county, N. C., January 18th, 1843, and is 36 years of age. He was educated at the Reynoldson Academy, then known as Chowan College, studied no profession. Is a farmer by occupation. Left school at the age of eighteen years, and enlisted in the "State Guards," the first military company raised in the county, and among the first raised in the State. This company was assigned as company "B," to the 5th Regiment of N. C. State troops, which enlisted, from the outset, for the war, and was at first commanded by Col. D. K. McRae. On the 12th of May, 1862, he was promoted to the position of Regimental Sergeant Major, by order of Col. McRae, and remained at the Colonel's Headquarters acting as secretary for him. In the early part of 1863 was promoted to be Second Lieutenant of Company G, of the 5th Regiment, and as such commanded his company through some of the hottest battles of the war—the Captain, J. M. Taylor, being absent, wounded, and the First Lieutenant a prisoner of war. In 1864 was made Acting Adjutant of the regiment and in this capacity served until the 19th day of September, 1864, when in the desperate and disastrous battle fought between Gen. Jubal Early's army and that of Gen. Phil. Sheridan, upon the bloody heights of Winchester, Va., he was taken prisoner of war in company with some six hundred others. After his capture was taken to the Fort Delaware Military Prison, and there kept nine months and until after the war. He was engaged in all the great battles of the late war, in which his regiment took part, up to the date of his capture, except those of Cold Harbor and Mechanicsville. Since the war he has held a good many important public positions. Was township clerk until 1875, when he resigned to accept the nomination to the House of Representatives made vacant by the death of the Hon. R. H. Ballard, to which position he was elected without opposition. He

was for some time one of the county examiners for teachers, has been public administrator for Gates county ever since that has been an office, and is now a Justice of the Peace. In 1876 he was nominated by the Democratic Convention for House of Representatives but declined. In 1878 was again nominated for same position, accepted, and was elected over his Republican opponent by about 282 majority. Mr. Gatling was married to Miss Emily G. Whitley, daughter of John Willey, Esq., deceased, on the 20th of November, 1870, and has now living four children, three boys and one girl. Committees: Finance, Salaries and Fees.—Democrat.

GRANVILLE COUNTY.

RUFUS AMIS.

BUCHANAN, N. C.

Born in Granville county, January 24th, 1835. Was educated at Caldwell Institute, of Hillsboro, State University, and Jefferson College, of Pennsylvania. His frequent change of schools was caused by bad health, and finally he had to abandon his studies. He was engaged in farming up to the war. During the early part of the war he entered service as Captain of Company I, 23d Regiment of N. C. State troops. Failing health caused him to resign. Afterwards he entered service again and was assigned duty in the 1st N. C. Cavalry, Col. Cheek in command, and remained with this regiment until the close. Since 1865 he has been engaged in milling and farming. He was always a Jacksonian Democrat but never entered into active political life until 1876, he then being a candidate for the Legislature. He was opposed by the negro, Hughes, who was elected by 140 majority. Mr. A. had no idea of being elected but made the canvass of the county to expose a great deal of rascality that was then being carried on in the county and to show the corruptness that existed throughout the State under Republican

rule. He was again nominated for the House of Representatives for the present term and after a laborious canvass against heavy odds, was elected with the rest of the ticket by about 200 majority. The colored people of the county have had a voting majority of about 290 ever since the war, but they, like other Republicans of the county, saw that a change in the politics of the county was badly needed, so they voted for Mr. Amis, and he is making them an excellent representative. He is Chairman of Committee on Salaries and Fees, and serves on Committee of Finance. Has married November 14th, 1855, to Miss E. A. Ragland, of Halifax county, Va., sister of the famous tobacco raiser, Maj. R. L. Ragland. Mr. Amis is a very active and working member. Only a few week ago he formed a partnership with Mr. Harper and is now publishing a newspaper, *The Border Review*, at Henderson, N. C., Mr. A. as editor. After the close of the session he will devote his attention more fully to the editorial columns of the paper. Success.—Democrat.

JOHN EATON BURROUGHS,

HENDERSON, N. C.

Born March 17th, 1844, in Granville county. Educated in Granville. Married eldest daughter of Major D. K. Glover, of same county, July 6th, 1864. Volunteered at 17 in Southern army, and after some service in camp was assigned to duty in the express office at Raleigh and on account of physical disability remained there during the war. Returning to his native county engaged in the culture of yellow tobacco and is now one of the most successful growers of the weed. Called on by the Granville Democracy Mr. Burrough did his part in an active canvass to secure the first Democratic triumph in his county since the war. Appointed a justice by the present Legislature of 1879. Committees: Banks and Currency, Propositions and Grievances, and Agriculture. A good member.—Democrat.

GREEN COUNTY.

WILLIAM THOMAS DIXON,

HOOKERTON, N. C.

Born October 10th, 1827. Went to school only ten months. Married May 4th, 1854, Susan J. Harper. Was appointed magistrate in 1854 and been one ever since. Superior Court Clerk of Greene county for four years. County Commissioner five years. Elected to House by 209 majority.—Republican.

GUILDFORD COUNTY.

JOSEPH ALTIRA McLEAN,

M'LEANSVILLE, N. C.

Born in Guilford county, January 9th, 1819. Educated at the Caldwell Institute of Greensboro. Taught school for number of years. Graduated in medicine at Charleston, S. C., in 1848. Has practiced medicine in Guilford county ever since he graduated. Married Miss Elizabeth F. Whorton, in 1850, has eight children living, one dead. This is the first time he has ever been to the General Assembly. He is Chairman of Committee on Education, and serves on Retrenchment and Reform, Railroads and Insane Asylum. Democrat.

CYRUS JASPER WHEELER,

DEEP RIVER, N. C.

Born Sept. 23rd, 1813. Educated at common schools. Farmer. Married Miss Mary Ann Mullen, of Randolph county, by whom he has six children—four sons and two daughters. Been postmaster twelve years, and magistrate since the last Legislature. Committees: Penal Institutions, Private Bills, Agriculture.—Democrat.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

JOHN THOMAS REYNOLDS,

ENDFIELD, N. C.

Born at Murfreesboro, N. C., March 28th, 1848. Was educated at the Shaw University in Raleigh. He also assisted some in teaching at this Institution. In October, 1875, he married the daughter of Rev. William Warrick, late of Philadelphia. In public life he has had a very fair amount of experience. His first term in the State Legislature was in 1868, he then being the Representative from Northampton County. In 1870 he was elected a Commissioner for the county. In the year 1873 he moved from that county to Halifax. Was elected to represent that county in the House of Representatives for the term of 1876-'77, at which session he was appointed magistrate. Was elected to the present House without opposition. Committees: Finance and Education. He seems to have taken much interest in the educational matters that have been before the Assembly. By occupation he is a mechanic.—Republican.

HARNETT COUNTY.

CORNELIUS HARNETT COFFIELD,

WINSLOW, N. C.

Was born in Cumberland county Oct. 9th, 1820. In 18[illegible] was elected to the General Assembly, Commons, from the county of Cumberland, at which session he introduced a bill to make Harnett county, which bears the name of the pioneer of the county. In 1856 was elected Clerk and Master in Equity of said county, which position he held for many years. In 1870 he was elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. In 1874 was elected County Treasurer of Harnett, and was elected

one of the Board of Directors of the State Penitentiary. In 1878 was elected a member of the House of Representatives. Married Henrietta R. Shepherd, of New Hanover, Dec. 17th, 1844; has five children. Committees: Internal Improvements, Penal Institutions and Military Affairs. He is a lively and social gentleman and a good member.—Democrat.

HAYWOOD COUNTY.

FRANCIS McGEE DAVIS,

IRONDUFF, N. C.

Born in Haywood county, August 15th, 1825. Married Miss Angeline Furguson on the 21st Oct., 1847, by whom he has 12 children—nine sons and three daughters. He has been Justice of the Peace twelve years, and has served his county as Coroner and Sheriff, and been to the State Legislature three times. Was elected to the House of Representatives for the term 1874-'75, re-elected for 1876-'77, and to his present seat by 159 majority. He is on the Committes, Banks and Currency, Internal Improvements, and Towns, Cities and Counties. By occupation he is a farmer, and comes from a county where the principal farming interest is that of growing fruit and grasses and raising horses and cattle. Haywood is one of the best mountain counties, and in Mr. Davis it has a faithful and worthy representative. He is an "old school" Democrat of the Calhoun type.—Democrat.

HENDERSON COUNTY.

THOMAS FRANKLIN BIRD,

BOYLLTON, N. C.

Born in Haywood county, Jan. 30th, 1824. His educational facilities were limited to the old-field schools and a short course in Waynesville Academy. With these advantages and a strong exertion on his part, he prepared himself to teach school. The greater part of his time was engaged in teaching until since the war. He married Miss Mary Ann Carlan, of Henderson county, on the 5th day of November, 1848, and then moved to Henderson county in 1849. His wife died in 1863, and he married for his second wife Mrs. M. J. Woodfin, daughter of Turner Williams, Esq. He has 12 children—7 girls and 5 boys. In 1853 he moved to Spartanburg, S. C., and took charge of a contract in building the Piedmont Air Line Railway. After working ing out his contract, at the expiration of four years he moved back to his old home in Henderson county, where he has been engaged ever since in the manufacture of lime, farming, raising stock, &c. In 1865 he was appointed by the U. S. Government to assist in the reconstruction of Henderson county. He has served 7 years as county commissioner. This is his first term to the State Legislature. Was elected by 165 majority. He is a member of the Committee on Corporations, also Insurance. Theologically he is a Methodist, having had a large family example in that respect. His father and one uncle, his grandfather and four grand-uncles, were all Methodist ministers.—Republicans.

HERTFORD COUNTY.

JORDAN JONATHAN HORTON,

ST. JOHN, N. C.

Born near Winton, Hertford county, April 21st, 1815. Both his parents were natives of the same county. Was first married Nov. 19th, 1840, to Miss Anna Harrell, daughter of Powell Harrell, Esq. married second time Sept. 20th, 1842, to Miss Jane Willerford, daughter of Richard Willerford, Esq. By his first wife he had one child and by the second fourteen children—all dead but two, one son and one daughter. He was married the third time. March 27th, 1867, to Mrs. Permelia Bishop, daughter of George Cox, Esq. All his wives were natives of Bertie county. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for five years, and that of School Committee for twenty years. Served as Treasurer for Hertford county for four years. Was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and in 1876 was elected to the House of Representatives, but on account of the informality of the vote at Winton he was unseated by his contestant, C. H. Madrey. Was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by upwards of 300 majority. He serves on Committees, Private Bills and Claims. Has been a member of the Baptist Church for 37 years. Has never sued or warranted any one and has never been sued but once, and that time it was for a Confederate debt. He is far the largest man in the General Assembly—his weight is 360 pounds.—Republican.

HYDE COUNTY.

THEODORE PICKET BONNER,

ENGLEHARD, N. C.

Born March 19th, 1849. Was at Trinity College three years. Read law under Col. David M. Carter and Judge Warren. Received license to practice in Jan. 1873. Been teaching school for some time. Both of his grand-fathers once were members of the State Legislature. His grand-father, John Bonner, died in Raleigh while a member of the General Assembly. He is among the young members of the present session, but is a very attentive member. He serves on a number of Committees.—Democrat.

IREDELL COUNTY.

JESSE DANIEL CLICK,

ELMWOOD, N. C.

Was born near "The Point," between the two Yadkin rivers, in Davie county, December 19th, 1825. His early life was spent on his father's farm. He received an academical education at Mocksville, the capital of Davie county, under the tutorage of Prof. Baxter Clegg, one of the best academic teachers of his day. After leaving the Academy he took a course of study in Emory and Henry College, Va. After receiving his collegiate course he taught school for some time at Mocksville, Fulton, and other places, but his health failing he was obliged to abandon teaching. Subsequent to this he was engaged for a number of years in the mercantile business at Mocksville. Married Miss Crump, of Davie county, daughter of the late Rowland Crump, Esq. His wife only lived a short while over one year after the marriage. At her death he was left with an

infant son. In 1858 he was married the second time to Miss Waddell, daughter of the late Greenbury Waddell, of Iredell county. In 1856 he engaged in the manufacture of leather in the town of Mocksville, which business he kept up until 1863. He then moved to the south-eastern part of Iredell county, where he still resides. Here he "returned to his first love"—the occupation of farming—and has given an almost undivided attention in that direction ever since. Was elected Clerk of the Board of Trustees for Chambersburg Township, and in 1872 was elected county commissioner, which office he held for four years. Was elected in 1878 to his present seat by a large majority, this being his first term in the General Assembly. A very careful and worthy member.—Democrat.

JOHN RANDLE McCORKLE,

MOORESVILLE, N. C.

Born in Anson county April 20th, 1828. Educated at Wadesboro. Read medicine under Dr. Days, of Camden, S. C., and graduated at Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia; moved to Iredell county in 1854, and located near the present town of Mooresville, and has been practicing his profession and farming ever since. Married in 1856 Miss Euphemia Leazar, of Rowan county, by whom he has 9 children. He was the Democratic nominee in the last campaign, and elected with but little opposition. He was one of the first citizens to locate at Mooresville, and it is greatly due to his energy and wise management that there is now a flourishing town at that place. He is a very worthy and solid member, always voting according to convictions of right, regardless of public opinion.—Democrat.

JACKSON COUNTY.

F. H. LEATHERWOOD,

WEBSTER, N. C.

Born in Haywood county September 25th, 1841. He was raised on the farm until he was 20 years old, at which age he entered the Confederate service as a private in Company G, 9th Regiment N. C. State troops. Afterwards he was promoted Orderly Sergeant, and then to 2d Lieutenant. He was in the western army all the time under Col. David Coleman. At the battle of Chicamauga, September 19th, 1863, he received a slight wound by a spent ball. On the 16th of February, 1864, he was captured and taken to Camp Chase and thence to Fort Delaware. Was released in June, 1865. After the war he went to and taught school in Cherokee county. In 1868 he engaged in the mercantile business, and continues the same yet. Moved to Jackson county March 1st, 1871. Married May 4th, 1871, to Miss Annie Carter, of Cleveland, Tennessee,—a great-granddaughter of Bishop Soule. He was elected to the House by 24 majority. During the campaign he had four independents to oppose him, but before election day two of them withdrew from the canvass. An observant member.—Democrat.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

ETHELDRED JAMES HOLT,

PRINCETON, N. C.

Is a native of Johnston county, where he now resides. Is 39 years of age. His education, which is limited, was obtained principally in old field schools and reading newspapers. His father died when he was only 4 years old, leaving him and six other children under the mother's care. They were all brought

up on a farm. He enlisted in an independent cavalry company early in the late war. In 1862 this company was connected with the 8th Georgia Regiment. In 1864 it was assigned to the 16th N. C. Battallion. He was in every battle in which his company was called to participate except two. Was slightly wounded twice, and had a horse killed under him on the morning of General Lee's surrender. He entered the service as a Private but was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Adjutant and Captain, and then had the pain as well as the honor of surrendering the remnant of the Brigade (General W. P. Roberts') to the Federal forces at Appomattox on that memorable day, April 9th, 1865. After the war he resided for three years in Catawba county, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Johnston county; has been married twice, and always votes the Democratic ticket without scratching. Served his county one term as sheriff, one term as county commissioner, and twice as a representative in the State Legislature. Was elected to the present House of Representatives without opposition. He serves on committees: Corporations, Public Buildings and Engrossed Bills.—Democrat.

EVERETT A. BIZZELL,

NEWTON GROVE, SAMPSON CO., N. C.

Born in Sampson county, and is now about 47 years old. Educated by John Ghost Elliott. Farmer. Married a Miss Barnes of Johnston county, and has one child. Was Captain of a militia company during the war. Was in the Legislature in 1874–'75, and re-elected to House for term 1879. A sensible voter.—Democrat.

JONES COUNTY.

CHRISTOPHER DUDLEY FOY,

MAYSVILLE, N. C.

Born in Onslow county January 30th, 1824. He is a son of Frederick Foy, who represented Onslow county for a number of years in the Legislature. His mother was Christian Dixon, a native of Greene county. He held a commission during a portion of the war from President Davis and part of the time from Governor Vance. He was captain of a company during the war, which acted in an independent capacity, and was known as the Tecumseh Scouts. To this day Mr. Foy is often called Capt. Tecumseh. This company operated mostly in the eastern part of this State in the vicinity of Kinston. He was of great service to the Confederate army after the battle of New Berne, in the way of saving the troops that were cut off in their retreat, and hemmed in the elbow of Brice's Creek. He being thoroughly acquainted throughout this section, rendered him very efficient as a guide. Mention of his service on this occasion is made in Col. Vance's report of this battle. During his young days he was taught by H. H. Villard, Esq., and afterwards attended school in the Masonic Hall at New Berne, which was then under charge of Mr. Robt. G. Moore. He was married in the year 1845 to Miss Francis Foy, of Jones county, by whom he has eight children—five sons and three daughters. He has been magistrate about 25 years; represented Onslow county in the House of Representatives in the session of 1848–'49; elected to House for 1879 by 240 majority. He serves on committees: Propositions and Grievances, and Banks and Currency.—Republican.

LENOIR COUNTY.

WILLIAM WALTER DUNN,

KINSTON, N. C.

Born June 15th, 1832. Educated at Lovejoy Academy in Raleigh. He lived in Texas from Jan., 1854, to Nov., 1857. While on his way west he was on the Steamer *Georgia* when a fearful accident occurred on account of the steamer catching on fire. There were about 300 passengers aboard and about 40 of them lost their lives. He was married February 13th, 1860, to Miss Susan Rountree, of Pitt county, by whom he has four children. Occupation a farmer. Magistrate several years prior to his election to the House in 1862-'63. Re-elected in 1865-'66. Elected to the Senate in 1876-'77. Elected to the House again for the present term by 202 majority. Committee: Engrossed Bills, and Banks and Currency.—Republican.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

BEVERLY CAMERON COBB,

LINCOLNTON, N. C.

Born in Lincoln, Aug. 17th, 1854. Educated at Bingham School. Read law with Chief Justice Pearson. Licensed June term 1870. Judge Pearson pronounced Mr. Cobb one of his most promising students. Practices in Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland and Catawba. Elected to the House in 1876, without opposition: a very unusual circumstance for one so young. Re-elected to the House for the present term without opposition. He is chairman of the committee on Privileges and Elections and County Government; serves on the committee on State Debt, is a prominent member of the Judiciary Committee, and was one of the committee of three to Investigate the Western

North Carolina Railroad and the Western Insane Asylum. He is a young man of brilliant intellect. He speaks well and has made a very valuable member. Few young men of his age have acquired the prominence and influence in legislative circles that he has. The Good people of Lincoln should feel proud of his course in the General Assembly, for he has been a very efficient member.—Democrat.

MACON COUNTY.

JOHN REID.

FRANKLIN, N. C.

Was born in Burke county, September 11th, 1829. Educated at Nantihala, Macon county. Married Miss Salina S. Moore, of Macon, February 12th, 1852, by whom he has six children. He entered the Western army in behalf of the Confederacy as first Lieutenant of Company I, 39th Regiment. Was in the battle of Baptist Gap, Cumberland Mountain, Murfreesboro, Chicamauga, Dalton, Hope Church, Pine Mountain, Muddy Ditches, Atlanta, Lovejoy Station, Franklin, Jackson, Forest Station, Spanish Fort, and a number of others in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Georgia. Part of the time during the rebellion he was in the secret service of the army under directions of Gen. Joseph E. Johnson. Occupation, farmer. This is the first time he has ever been a member to the General Assemby. Committees: Agriculture, Propositions and Grievances, Roads and Highways.—Democrat.

MADISON COUNTY.

DAVID FRANKLIN DAVIS,

MARSHALL, N. C.

Born in Madison county, June 10th, 1846. In March, 1864, he enlisted in the Federal army, Company C., 2d Reg't, N. C. Union Volunteers, and remained in service until the close of the war. Soon thereafter he accepted a clerkship in the dry goods store of Messrs. Barnard, Nichols & Co., of Marshall, and remained for some time in their employ. His school advantages during his boyhood were somewhat limited, but he was still determined to avail himself of every opportunity; so, after working closely and economizing for some time, he accumulated funds enough to enter school. And thus, by his own exertions and the work of his own hands, he attended Ream's Creek High School and Bascome College. After leaving school he began merchandising in Marshall, and has been engaged in that line of business ever since. In the spring of 1872 he was appointed by Judge Henry Superior Court Clerk of his county to fill out the unexpired term of J. J. Gudger, Esq., who resigned. After serving two years he was then elected by the people for a term of four years. He was elected to represent his county in the House of Representatives of the present General Assembly by 262 majority. He is a member of the Committee of Engrossed Bills. He married Miss Sallie L. Hawkins, of Henderson county, on the 28th day of March, 1876, who died about seven month's thereafter.—Republican.

MARTIN COUNTY.

HENRY DANIEL ROBERSON,

ROBERSONVILLE, N. C.

Born October 10th, 1824. Went to school only 60 days. Instead of education his attention was always turned to making

money, and he has been very successful. Married Dec. 7th, 1843, Miss Martha Page, who died in Feb., 1877. Married the second time to Miss Bettie Piver, Jan. 1st, 1878. Has 4 children living. Seeing the great need of education in himself, he has taken great pains in that particular with his children. He sent his girls to Murfreesboro and his boys to Wake Forest. Been magistrate 12 years, and Deputy Sheriff 9 years. His principal occupation is that of merchandising and farming. He also has very fine flouring, corn and saw mills. In fact, he is a man that carries on a variety of business, and can do anything himself out of wood or iron, from a barrel or hoe-handle to a cart-wheel. Eight years ago there was scarcely any of the present lively little village at his place, and he has been instrumental in bringing about all the energy of the place. Was elected after the regular election day to fill the vacancy caused by the death of N. B. Fagan, the member elect.—Democrat.

McDOWELL COUNTY.

JOHN THOMAS REID,

OLD FORT, N. C.

Was born in Rutherford county June 23d, 1838. Attended Marion High School, which was in charge of Mr. Morrison Ramsaeur. He studied medicine under Dr. T. A. Allen, of Hendersonville, and graduated at the National Medical College of Washington city in 1860. Located in McDowell county in March of 1861 to practice medicine. During the same year he volunteered and entered the Confederate service as sergeant of company K, 22d Regiment N. C. State troops. In September he was transferred from the regular service to the medical department, in which capacity he served very acceptably until the close of the war. He then returned to McDowell and resumed the practice of his profession. He had the misfortune to lose his father when he was only a boy of seven years old,

but with all the disadvantages incident to orphan life he labored assidiously in the gold mines of Rutherford county, and at various other lines of business, until he accumulated funds enough to begin his education. After the trials and turmoils of camp life were ended, and he had begun to work up a good practice in his new neighborhood, he saw that there was still one thing wanting to complete his earthly happiness—so on the 16th of May, 1866, he married Miss Hattie V. Bird, of McDowell county, by whom he has five children. This is his first session in the State Legislature, and even with his limited experience he makes a very good representative. He was elected over two opponents. Serves on committees: Internal Improvements, Penal Institutions, Insane Asylum, and Counties, Cities and Towns.—Democrat.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

JOHN LEWIS BROWN,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Is a native of Rowan county. Was born near Salisbury, January 8th, 1829, but his father and family moved to Charlotte while he was an infant. Was educated in the male schools of Charlotte. He married Miss Nannie J. Kerr on the 25th day of August, 1853. She was the daughter of Maj. Jennings B. Kerr, a prominent citizen of Mecklenburg county, and for 25 years clerk of the court. Mr. Brown never had political aspirations, but in 1872, at the time when it was necessary, on account of the troubles in national affairs, that the very best men be placed in Legislative hall, his people chose him as their representative in the Lower House of the General Assembly. He was then the first Whig ever elected to the Legislature from Mecklenburg county, and his duties were discharged so faithfully that his constituency recognized the labors he had performed

and the ability he had shown, by electing him to the same place in 1864 by an almost unanimous vote. He was elected to his present seat without opposition. He is chairman of the Committee on Public Debt, and serves on the committees of Internal Improvement, Finance, Banks and Currency and Public Highways. By occupation Mr. B. is a merchant, and has been very successful in that line of business. He has been director of a bank in Charlotte ever since he was 21 years of age, and has been President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce ever since its organization. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is a Trustee in the General Assembly of that church. He is a man of extraordinary business qualifications, takes practical views of the subjects before the Legislature, and in all is a most excellent representative.—Democrat.

WILLIAM ERSKINE ARDREY,

PINEVILLE, N. C.

Born in Mecklenburg county, September 23rd, 1839, of a well known family. Son of Dr. W. A. Ardrey. Occupation a farmer. Married Miss Margaret M. Robinson, daughter of W. P. Robinson. Appointed Justice of the Peace in 1867, '68, '69. Elected county commissioner in 1874 in Mecklenburg county, and served as chairman of the board for two years. His prudence, efficiency and integrity in this capacity commended him to his fellow citizens as a proper person to represent them in a more important field. Elected to the House of Representatives in 1876–'77 by 815 majority, nearly four times the ordinary majority in the county, and re-elected to the General Assembly for 1879, almost without opposition. During the war he enlisted in the Charlotte Grays under Capt. Ross, and served in the 1st N. C. Regiment under Gen. D. H. Hill, at Yorktown, until its term expired, and then he re-enlisted in the 30th N. C. Troops as a private, was promoted to the captaincy of company K., and remained at his post until the surrender at Appomatox. Captain Ardrey is among the most intelligent representatives of the farm-

ing element upon the floor of the House. He is an earnest and zealous advocate to the advancement of the agricultural interest of the State. He is a hard working member, and has a great deal of pride in doing his duty as a member of the Assembly. He is chairman of the committee on Agriculture, Statistics and Mining, and serves on the Committee of Salaries and Fees.—Democrat.

MITCHELL COUNTY.

SAMUEL WOODFIN BLALOCK,

LEDGER, N. C.

Born in Yancey county (now Mitchell) on the 30th day of March, 1845. Educated at New Hope Academy, Wilkes county, Prof. F. A. Belcher, Principal. Married April 5th, 1863, to Miss Nancy Young, of Mitchell county, by whom he has six children—four girls and two boys. He was commissioned Colonel of the 99th regiment of N. C. Militia in 1862, and held that position until the end of the war. By occupation a farmer. Mr. B. won for the Democrats of Mitchell the first straight-fight victory since the war. Was elected by 18 majority. Committees: Finance, Agriculture, Roads and Ferries.—Democrat.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

WILLIAM THOMAS HARTWELL EWING,

SULPHUR SPRINGS, N. C.

Born Aug. 28th, 1834, in Montgomery. Married first to Miss Mary B. Thomas, of Moore county, March 4th, 1860. Married

second time Miss E. A. Thomas, sister of his former wife, about 1862. Has seven children living. Has been County Examiner and County Treasurer. Was educated at Trinity College. Taught school for 20 years. Business now a farmer and general trader. Was a member of the House in 1876-'77. Elected to present term by 91 majority. Serves on committees of Finance and Education. He is very liberal in politics, never letting any party feeling carry him from what he thinks is right. A quiet member, but always at his seat when the roll is called. —Republican.

MOORE COUNTY.

NEILL LEACH,

BIG OAK, N. C.

Born Jan. 23rd, 1838. He is the son of Archibald Leach, who emigrated from Scotland. He went to Texas in 1860, and returned to his native home in 1861. Entered Gen. Mallett's battalion in 1862, and remained with it until it disbanded in 1864. He then went to the Navy at Charleston, S. C., and after the evacuation of that city went to Drury's Bluff, near Richmond. When that city fell into the hands of the Federal forces he retreated under Gen. Ewel's command to Farmville. On the 25th of April, 1865, was taken prisoner by the Yankees and lodged soon afterwards in the common prison at Point Lookout, Md. Was released July 1st, 1865. After returning home he began to farm, and has continued the cultivation of the soil as an occupation ever since. On the 7th day of May, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary J. McAskill, by whom he has five children. His two youngest girls are twins and are so very much alike that even the parents often do not know one from the other. He has served four years as Justice of the Peace, and was elected to House of Representatives for the term of 1879 by 88 majority.—Democrat.

NASH COUNTY.

GEORGE NICHOLAS LEWIS.

NASHVILLE, N. C.

Born in Nash county, February 25th, 1829. Finished education in 1847. Farmer. Married April 20th, 1847, to Miss Mollie L. Pitts, by whom he has eight children. Was first elected to the Lesislature in 1856, and has served three terms since. Volunteered in 1861, and came out of war in 1864. He was First Lieutenant in Company D, 47th Regiment, afterwards Captain, and served as such until 1864, during which year he was elected to the Legislature while in the army. Was wounded at the battle of Bristow Station in 1863. Was elected Sheriff of Nash county in 1866, and served in that capacity ever since.—Democrat.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

WILLIAM HENRY WADDELL,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Born May 14th, 1847. Never went to school, but has received a very fair family education. Not married. Been janitor, with rank of captain, at City Hall in Wilmington, for two terms. Been Superintendent of City Improvement for one year. School Commissioner four years. His first term in the Legislature. He served at the carpenter's trade several years ago.—Republican, (Col.)

HENRY EPHRAIM SCOTT,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Born in Geagua county, Ohio, October 24th, 1846. Was educated in Ripon, Wisconsin. During the war he served with Sheridan's army in the Shanandoah Valley as Master of Transportation. Moved to North Carolina in August 1865 and located at Wilmington where he still resides. He is quite a young man yet but owns a great deal of property in Wilmington, he being one of the largest tax payers in the city. He was appointed magistrate under the provisional government soon after the war and has been one ever since. He has had charge of the poor, sick and insane of New Hanover county for nine years. As an evidence of his popularity with his party we only have to state that he was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives without opposition. Committees: Private Bills, Agriculture, and Public Printing. A quiet but observant member. Republican.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

JAMES WILLIAM GRANT.

GARYSBURG, N. C.

Born in Northampton county, November 16th, 1823. Farmer. Married November 23rd, 1846, to Miss Martha A. Boone, by whom he has seven children living. Was appointed magistrate under the Provisional Government of Holden. Been county commissioner ten years and chairman all the while except one term. Is now Public Administrator of the county. Received only a common English education. Elected to the House by 133 majority over Paul Haily, a negro, the Republican nominee. Committees: Propositions and Grievances, Corporations, and Agriculture. An observant member.—Democrat.

ORANGE COUNTY.

MALBOURN ADDISON ANGIER,

DURHAM, N. C.

Born in Orange county November 30th, 1820. Raised in the country on a farm. Had no collegiate education. Was married February 10th, 1852, to Miss Mary Jane Pearson of Orange county, by whom he now has four children—two sons and two daughters. During the war he was an assessor of taxes for Orange county. Of late years the greater part of his attention has been directed in the mercantile line; has been merchandising for about 25 years. In public life he has served but little except as a magistrate, he having held that office for 15 years. This is his first term to the State Legislature, but with the practical knowledge of legislation gained by being a close observer during the past, he makes a good representative. He has a place in the following committees: Finance, Propositions and Grievances, Education and Insurance.—Democrat.

JOSIAH TURNER,

HILLSBORO, N. C.

He married a Miss Devereux of Halifax, N. C. Before the war he represented Orange county several times in the State Legislature. Was one term in the Confederate Congress at Richmond, Va. In 1868 he purchased the Raleigh Daily *Sentinel*, and edited it for some time with ability. After disposing of this paper he retired to farm life in Orange county. In 1878 he was elected to his present seat as an independent democrat, and later in the same year he ran as an independent republican for Congress in the Metropolitan District, but was defeated by Hon. J. J. Davis by a very large majority. For the past six years he has been waging a continual warfare against railroad corporations and supposed "rings." Early in the session of the present General Assembly he was expelled from the Democratic

caucus, and during the whole session he has been a source of continual annoyance to both parties on account of his frequent speech-making on "railroads," "rings," &c. Neither the democrats nor republicans will claim him as a member of their party; so we will record him as "Joe Turner," in politics.

ONSLOW COUNTY.

CALEB SMITH HEWITT,

MAYESVILLE, N. C.

Born in Jones county April 25th, 1820. Moved to Onslow. Educated at the county schools. Married three times: first, to Miss Hewitt, of Jones county; next, to Miss Bettie Hatsell, of Onslow county; and the third time to Miss Sallie Melton, of Onslow. Has ten children living. Before the war he merchandised at Swansboro; since he has been farming. Was elected on the Independent Democratic ticket by about 300 majority with two against him. Serves on committee of Propositions and Grievances.—Democrat.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY.

HUGH CALE,

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

Born in Perquimans county Nov. 27th, 1838. Married Mary Wilson in June, 1867. Occupation—a merchant. Been magistrate eight years, county commissioner two years, and treasurer of Elizabeth City four years. Was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1876–'77, and re-elected to his present seat by a large majority. There were three candidates

in the campaign. Kader Perry received 334 votes, S. J. Halstard 535 votes, and the subject of this sketch, who received 981 votes. He is on committees: Corporations, and Emigration. By profession he is a Methodist, and a steward in that church. He is very temperate in habits, he having taken his last drink of spirituous liquor in 1865, and he never smoked a cigar or pipe, and never chews tobacco. He has been much more successful, financially, than many of his race, for his property is now valued at about $12,000.00.—Republican, (col.)

PENDER COUNTY.

THOMAS JAMES ARMSTRONG,

ROCKY POINT, N. C.

Was born in New Hanover county January 12th, 1851. When the county of Pender was formed from New Hanover and other counties in 1875, his place was included in the new county. In 1865, at the time Wilmington was captured by the Federal forces, he served as guide through the swamps of Duplin, Pender and New Hanover counties, he being perfectly familiar with the various routes of travel through those unfrequented regions. The enemy came to his father's house and was about to compel his aged father to perform that service for them, when he, though only 14 years of age, volunteered his service rather than see the old gentleman taken by force. He attended school at Rocky Point until January, 1868, at which time he entered Trinity College. He passed through the junior class and left College in June, 1872. After this he engaged in the turpentine business in Brunswick county. In the fall of 1873 he began farming in New Hanover county, and since that time agricultural pursuits have engrossed the greater part of his time. He married Miss Ella P. Berry, of Wilmington, on the 5th day of February, 1873, who died January 29th, 1874. He was married the second time September 1st, 1878, to Miss Annie E.

Durham, daughter of D. T. Durham, Esq., a prominent citizen of Pender county. He is the first democrat that has ever been elected in Pender, that county being represented in the last Legislature by a republican gentleman of color, Mr. Alfred Lloyd.—Democrat.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

IRA SCOTT BLAISDELL,

HERTFORD, N. C.

Born in the northeastern part of the State of Vermont in 1839. Was educated in Albany, New York, and Lowell, Mass. In addition to his classical education he received a liberal course in law. He joined the Federal army in 1861, served through the Cumberland campaign, and participated in the vicissitudes of camp life until the close of the rebellion. In 1868 he engaged in the lumber business in northeastern North Carolina, and is still engaged in that line as an occupation. Was married on the 10th of March, 1875, to Miss V. C. Morris, of Tyrrell county. Was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by 400 majority over his competitor, W. H. Manning, Esq. He serves on the Judiciary Committee; also on the Joint Committee to nominate magistrates, and on the Fish Committee.—Republican.

PERSON COUNTY.

MONTFORT McGEHEE,

CUNNINGHAM'S STORE, N. C.

Born in Person county Dec. 4th, 1822. Graduated in 1841, at Chapel Hill, in his 19th year. Spent the next year at Har-

vard College, Mass., taking a scientific course. Read law with Judge Battle at Chapel Hill, and obtaining license, concluded to extend his knowldge of the world by a tour in Europe (1849.) Married in 1854 Miss Sallie, second daughter of Hon. George E. Badger, an accomplished and lovely lady. Subsequent to his marriage removed to Caswell, and was elected to the House from that county in 1864-'66. Also to the Andy Johnson Convention of '65. Returned to Person and represented that county in the House of 1872-'73-'74—winning distinction throughout the State by his course in that body. Elected to the House in 1876-'77; was elected to the present Assembly, but on account of severe illness was not able to take his seat until near the close of the session. He is a gentleman of fine literary attainments and wide range of general information. As a writer and *Belles Lettres* scholar, he is one of the most gifted sons of the State.—Democrat.

PITT COUNTY.

GERMAIN BERNARD,

GREENVILLE, N. C.

Born in Pitt county, Jan. 15th, 18[illegible], and is now the oldest native born citizen of the town of Greenville. By parental line he is French and Scotch-Irish, his grand-father being a native of Bordeaux, France, while his mother is of Scotch-Irish descent. His occupation is that of a lawyer and farmer. In his early days he attended Wake Forest College. Later he read law under Judge Hitchcock at Yale College. After this he was a student of Chief Justice Pearson while his law school was located at Mocksville, Davie county. Received license to practice in June, 1845. Married in Surry county, Sept. 25th, 1845, to Miss Juliette Gilliam, of Columbia, S. C. Mr. Bernard owns the noted Pilot Mountain and a quantity of lands in the community, in Surry county, at which place he now has a very pleasant

summer home, to which place he retreats during the heated season. In his native county he is a gentleman of considerable prominence, and been identified with the public interest of the county for many years. He has been Register of Deeds, County Attorney, and during the war was assistant Clerk and Master in Equity. He has taken a great deal of interest in and labored much for the good of the Democratic party in his county. Has been engaged in every political canvass since 1866. He was candidate for a seat in the first Canstitutional Convention, but was defeated, the Republican party largely predominating. Allowed his name to be run again at the last election and received a title to a seat in the House of Representatives by a majority of 129. He serves on the following committees: Judiciary, Caucus and Counties, Towns and Cities.—Democrat.

DAVID COLUMBUS MOORE,

BETHEL, N. C.

Born in Pitt county, September 18th, 1850. Married Miss Martha C. Andrews, formerly of Edgecombe county, Dec. 23rd, 1875, by whom he had three children, only one living. His parents died when he was very young, leaving him with small means, at which time he had only attended the common schools nine months; but by his own efforts, backed by energy of purpose, he succeeded in securing means and attended a private school ten months, at which, together with his own studious energy, obtained a common education, such as to enable him to teach in the common schools in his county. He is therefore a self-made man. Been magistrate two years. Been mayor of the town of Bethel for two terms and served his people satisfactorily in said capacities. The Democracy of his county, recognizing his worth, honesty and ability, nominated him without any solicitation on his part to represent them in the House of Representatives, and was elected over his opponent by 165 majority. Committees: Public Printing, Privileges and Elections, Education, Justices of the Peace and Public Library, all of which he

gave valuable service. He is a good, honest, faithful representative, and has served his county and State well. By occupation a farmer, of which he feels proud.—Democrat.

POLK COUNTY.

NESBITT DIMSDALE,

MILLS SPRING, N. C.

Born in that part of Rutherford county which is now Polk, about the year 1814. By occupation a farmer and merchant. Married in 1831 to Miss Elizabeth Gibbs, of Polk. Six children —four dead. Was very much opposed to the war. He was accused of not being loyal to the Confederate cause and that he took charge deserters, and upon these charges he was brought before a Court Martial, but the charges not being sustained, he was dismissed. He has been magistrate for 10 years, County Treasurer eight years, and was elected to his present seat in the General Assembly by 100 majority. He is one of the largest taxpayers in his section.—Republican.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.

LORENZO GREENBURY BARNAM BINGHAM,

JACKSON'S CREEK, N. C.

Born in Randolph county N. C., March 16th, 1836. Was educated at the old-field schools of his community. Old North Bird, near Jackson's Creek, was the scene of the greater part of his school days. He worked on a farm until he was twenty-one: since which time he has been carpenter, wheelright and black-

smith, but never served a regular apprenticeship at any of these trades. In addition to these trades he has given some attention, also, to farming. Married March 28th, 1861, to Miss Emily Ward, of Davidson county. In public life he has served as Justice of the Peace for eight years. In 1878 was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives. A very quiet but earnest member. Committees: Private Bills, deaf, dumb and Blind, and Calendar.—Republican.

NEREUS CLARKE ENGLISH,

BUSH HILL, N. C.

His parents, Thomas English and Mildred, formerly Tomlinson, were reared in the county of Randolph, from Scotch linage. He is one of six children—four daughters and two sons. Born in Thomasville, Davidson county, June 28th, 1849. Parents moved to Randolph in 1857, and located on a farm near Trinity College with a view of educating his sons, at which place he is now situated. Just when he was ready to enter upon school duties the war came on, and took not only the means provided but necessitated his going on the farm to manual labor, there to remain until after the struggle; subsequently was still ambitious for an education, and proceeded at once to procure one, believing that all men may be an architect of a fortune. In 1874 he graduated at Trinity College with first honor. Soon after was called to the principalship in Pleasant Lodge Academy, in Alamance county, for a term of nearly two years, the school thus created is still flourishing; from thence to Mt. Olive Academy, male and female, in the county of Wayne, and had associated with him Mrs. Nicholson, the widow of the Rev. D. B. Nicholson, of the N. C. Conference; continued there for 2½ years with a decided success. During this time he visited the Centennial and a number of the principal cities North, and to some extent those in the South. During the summer vacation has been teacher at several times in the normal school at Chapel Hill, for the training of teachers, and at the commence-

ment of 1878 was selected historian of his class. In 1877 left the East and came to his "native heath," in the county of Randolph, and assumed charge of the village school, at the same time giving the former attention. He was called out in the field of politics and nominated for the Legislature, receiving in the Convention all the votes cast but five on first ballot; was elected to the present session by a small majority over J. W. Bean. He is a single gentleman, and has acquitted himself during the present session in a manner that proves he is a young man worthy of a good wife. He serves on the following committees: Penal Institutions, (Chairman,) Engrossed Bills, and Education.—Democrat.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

DAVID M. HENDERSON,

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

Was born in Guilford county in 1828. Received 13 days instruction in school in said county. Went to California in 1852. Spent eight years in California, Oregon, Washington and Mexico. Was married in California. Wife died 20 months after the marriage. He had the pleasure of making about fifty thousand dollars in California, but left the good State without much money and came home to North Carolina in 1859. Engaged in merchandising, and made $15,000 or $20,000. Lost it in speculating, as usual. Was married the second time in Richmond county, N. C. His first wife was Mary Gilky, a Yankee girl. His second wife was Mary Harrison, a genuine Scotch girl. He has four children, all boys, of Scotch-Irish descent. He has been a Republican, politically, since the Democrats selected Horace Greely for their candidate. Was elected to the General Assembly in 1878 as Independent, though his sympathies are with the Republican party.—Republican.

ROBESON COUNTY.

ADAM CLARK OLIVER,

FAIR BLUFF, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Robeson county, September 21st, 1833. Was educated at common schools. Married Oct. 4th, 1860, to Miss Adeline Roberts, daughter of James Roberts, Esq., of Marion county, S. C. Has seven children, 4 girls and 3 sons. Farmer. Volunteered in 1862 and entered the Confederate service. Was member of Company E. 4th Regiment, N. C. Artillery. Remained in service until the fall of Fort Fisher. Been magistrate 7 years. Was elected to the House by 6 majority over Neill McNeill. He serves on the following committees: Internal Improvements, Railroads and Post Roads.—Democrat.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY NORMENT,

LUMBERTON, N. C.

Was born in Mecklenburg county, N. C., Feb. 1st, 1829. Went to the Mexican war in 1847. Belonged to Company I. 3rd Regiment of Artilery, under Capt. Martin Burke, Garland's Brigade, Worth's Division of Regulars. Participated in all the battles from Vera Cruze to the city of Mexico. Returned to Robeson county in 1851. In April, 1861, raised a company and entered the second reg ment N. C. Volunteers, under Col. Sol. Williams. His company was discharged in 1862, at the expiration of its term of enlistment. In 1862 he raised another company and joined the 16th Regiment, N. C. Troops, under Col. E. D. Hall. Was promoted to Major, but resigned on account of ill health. Elected by the Democratic party in 1870 to the State Senate from Robeson county, and not being disposed to follow the prrty in some of its measures, joined the Republican party and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1874 by that party. He claims to have been elected also to the Con–

stitutional Convention of 1875, but says that owing to Gen. W. R. Cox's celebrated telegram to "hold Robeson and save the State," the Convention adjourned without an Investigation. Was again elected to the House of Representatives for the present term. He is a good looking widower, and we think he would like right much to find some fair one with whom he could "share pleasures and divide troubles."—Republican.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

T. L. RAWLEY,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.

Was born in Rockingham county on the 4th day of December, 1841. Was prepared to enter the Sophomore class at the University, in the year 1861, by that most excellent teacher, Mr. S. W. Hughes, of Orange county, but the war comming on he enlisted, as a private, in May, 1861, in Capt. Slade's company, 14th N. C. Regiment. Was wounded in the battle of "Seven Pines," June 1st, 1862. Was in the battles in which the Army of Northern Virginia was engaged up to November, 1863, when he was appointed 1st Lieut. Company K, 13th N. C. Regiment. Acted as Adjutant of this regiment until the close of the war, surrendering his sword to the Northern army, April 9th, 1865, at Appomattox C. H., Va. Was married to Miss Sallie P. Lindsey, of Reidsville, N. C., December 5th, 1865. Has engaged in merchandising, farming and manufacturing tobacco since the war. Never has engaged in politics in any way. In 1878 was nominated by the Nominating Convention of Rockingham county, on first ballot, to represent that county in General Assembly of 1879.—Democrat.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

WILLIAM RALEIGH LINDSAY,

WENTWORTH, N. C.

Born in Rockingham, August 5th, 1836. Graduated at Wake Forest in 1860. Occupation a farmer. Served in the Confederate service as Sergeant of Light Artillery. Mr. Lindsay was elected without opposition to fill the seat left vacant by Dr. P. M. Winchester, deceased, in the session of 1876–'77. Was re-elected to the House for the present term without opposition. He is on Committees: Corporations and Immigration. He has taken an active part in the Legislative work before the House. Was married June 5th, 1878, to Miss Nannie H. Meadows, of Rockingham county.—Democrat.

ROWAN COUNTY,

DAVID BARRINGER,

SALISBURY, N. C.

Born February 22nd, 1813. Educated principally in the old field schools. Was married the 4th day of February, 1834. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace ever since 1836 except for about four years just after the war—he then being banded by the Federal government. When he was only twelve years old he adopted the principles of Democracy and to which faith he has adhered ever since, and declares that he will continue in the same until the last sands of his life have ebbed out. He was born and has ever since lived in the good old county of Rowan and we have no doubt but there he will remain until she opens her bosom, when his spirit passes over the dark river, and kindly hides him from the turmoils of life until the resurrection morn.—Democrat.

HENRY CONOR BOST,

SOUTH RIVER, N. C.

Born in Cabarrus county January 8th, 1841. Educated at Trinity College. Was in the Confederate service from the 3rd of June, 1861 to the 13th of April, 1865. Was a member of Company F, 1st Regiment, N. C. Cavalry. He served first as a private, then Sergeant, and then Corporal. Married January 12th, 1865, to Miss Dorcus, daughter of Jacob Fraley, Esq., of Iredell county. By occupation he is a farmer. This in his first term to the Legislature and he is a very attentive member. He serves on Committees: Propositions and Grievances, Agriculture, Mechanics and Mining, and Insurance.—Democrat.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

NATHAN YOUNG,

BRITTAIN, N. C.

Born in Yancy county, April 20th, 1820. Married May 29th, 1855, Miss S. A. Logan, of Rutherford and has one child living. Attended old field schools. Been county commissioner two years. Was Clerk of the Court in Yancy county for eight years. Moved to Rutherford in 1857. Elected to House of Representatives over two opponents by 183 votes. Committees: Salaries and Fees, Propositions and Grievances.—Democrat.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

LUTHER RICE CARROLL,

CLINTON, N. C.

Born in Duplin county December 23d, 1838. Was educated at the schools of the community. Has taught school a great deal during the winter season of the year, and attended to his farm in the summer time. He volunteered April 15th, 1861, and joined the Confederate service for six months as a member of Capt. Thos. S. Keenan's Company—the Duplin Rifles—and was made color-bearer of that company. When the time for which he had enlisted had expired he joined the 3d Regiment of Cavalry—Capt. A. F. Newkirk's company. He was in service for four years and four weeks, and was not wounded, neither was he a day absent without the proper permission. After the war he moved to Sampson, where he has been engaged in teaching and farming ever since. Been magistrate for 10 years. He is an earnest worker in the Sunday-schools, and now has charge of the largest one in all that community. Married Miss J. A. Carlton January 27th, 1867. He was elected to the seat he now occupies by 219 majority. Committees: Penal Institutionts and Private Bills. He is a very decided and earnest man, and takes great pride in working for the good of his constituence and the Democratic party at large. He is the tallest man in the General Assembly, measuring 6 feet and 7 inches. He and his father and four brothers give an average in height of 6 feet and six inches, and their combined weight is 1220 lbs. He is a true and zealous member.—Democrat.

JOHN CHARLES HINES,

CLINTON, N. C.

Born January 11th, 1833, in Sampson county. His education was received at common country schools and academies. En-

tered the Confederate army in 1862. Was Lieutenant in Company C, 5th Regiment N. C. Cavalry. Was in a number of engagements. Wounded at the battle of Jack's Shops, near Orange Court-house, Va., September 13th, 1863, and captured at the same time. While a prisoner was confined at Washington in the Old Capitol, at Fort Henry, Point Lookout, Fort Delaware, Morris Island, Fort Pulaski, then back to Fort Delaware. He was one of the six hundred officers placed under fire of the Confederate guns while at Morris Island, South Carolina. Was released from prison July 1st, 1865. Since the war has been engaged at farming. Has served as magistrate two years and as county commissioner four years. Was married November 13th, 1856, to Miss R. E. Ashford, of Sampson county. Was elected to the present House of Representatives, and is serving on the following standing committees: State Debt, Corporations and Emigration—Democrat.

STANLEY COUNTY.

DANIEL RICHEY,

GOLD HILL, N. C.

Born in Stanly county, February 14th, 1825. Was raised a common farmer boy and received no education except what he learned at the "old field schools." In former days he was a Whig, now he is a Conservative Democrat. He was qualified as magistrate in February, 1857, which office he filled for seventeen years. Was elected county commissioner in August, 1870, and re-elected for three terms in succession. Was chairman of the board of commissioners for four years. Was married on the 11th day of April, 1848, to Miss Delinda Frick, of Stanly county, and has six sons and two daughters. Was elected to the present House of Representatives by a large majority. He is on two standing committees, Agriculture, Mechanics and Mining, and Penal Institutes.—Democrat.

STOKES COUNTY.

SQUIRE VENABLE,

PILOT MOUNTAIN, SURRY COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Stokes county, April 6th, 1837. He received only a fire-torch education. By occupation he is a farmer. Served as a Captain of a malitia company during the war. Was elected in 1872 Clerk of Superior Court for Stokes county and held that place two years. Elected to House of Representives by 273 majority. Committees : Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, Private Bills, Public Roads. He is a very clever batchelor, makes a good representative, and will some day make a good lady a good husband.—Democrat.

SURRY COUNTY.

NOAH PARTEE FOARD.

ELKIN, N. C.

Was born in Rowan county at the homestead of the Partee family, September 26th, 1839. His parents, Rob't W. and M. E. Foard moved to Concord, in Cabarrus county, January 1st, 1840, where he spent his childhood and youth. He entered the University of the State in 1859, and graduated in class of 1861 ; when he immediately enlisted as a private in Capt. R. Barringer's (now Gen. R. Barringer) Company F, 1st N. C. Cavalry, under Col. Rob't Ransom (now Gen. Rob't Ransom.) The subject of this sketch fought with his company and regiment, which under Stewart and Hampton bore such a conspicuous part, through all the battles of the army of Northern Virginia, and was only slightly wounded once, though nine horses were wounded under him and four killed. He was promoted to

Capt. of his company, and after the bloody cavalry engagement at Upperville was introduced by Gen. L. S. Baker, then Colonel of the Regiment, as the "bravest of the brave." He was often selected by his commanding officers to go with his splendid company (which never had a desertion from it) on duties of special trust and danger. On one occasion when detailed by Gen. W. H. F. Lee, for detached service with his company, fought and kept at bay Wilson's whole column for an hour and a half, when that General was making his notorious raid on South Side railroad to Staunton Bridge. He with his Company and Company C, which formed the squadron he commanded, made under Hampton the celebrated night attack on Kilpatrick's camp five miles from Richmond, and while no other troops were engaged, drove the enemy from his camp, captured large number of prisoners, horses and supplies, and thus prevented Kilpatrick and Dahlgren from joining their forces for their intended attack upon Richmond. He, with his company, took an active part in the notorious beef raid of Hampton. After the war he spent eighteen months in New York City in the cotton business. January, 1867, he moved to Elkin, Surry county, to engage in manufacturing, where he still resides. August 25th, 1868, he married in Greensboro Miss Lilly Walker, grand-daughter of the late Gov. John M. Morehead. In 1878 was nominated by the Democratic party of Surry as their candidate to represent the county of Surry in the House of Representatives, and was elected over a Republican and Independent Democrat. He is a very popular and influential member, and labors hard for the good of his constituents. He serves on the following Committees: Judiciary, Public Debt, Education, and Insane Asylum.—Democrat.

SWAIN COUNTY.

THADEUS DILLARD BRYSON,

CHARLESTON, N. C.

Born in Haywood county, February 13th, 1839. Attended the common schools of the neighborhood, after which he went to Col. Lee's graded school in Asheville. Married Miss Mary C. Greenlee, of McDowell county, April 6th, 1871, by whom he has four children. Mr. B. by occupation is a farmer, stock-raiser and miller. He has a very good farm and takes much interest in raising fine stock, and has one of the best mills in all that section. During the war he was Captain of Company B, 25th Regiment, N. C. State troops. In 1852 when the county of Jackson was formed his place was included in the territory which composed the new county. Soon after this he was elected the first malitia Colonel of the county. He was elected as the member to the House of Representatives from the new county of Jackson in 1854, and was the member continously for twelve years, he being the first and last representative from that county up to 1870, at which time another new county, Swain, was formed and named in honor of the lamented Governor Swain. His residence again was included in the territory of the new county and he has been the representative of Swain ever since it was formed. It is very complimentary, indeed, that his people should honor him as their representative for so many years in succession, and it shows that he is a man worthy of their suffrages. He is a working member and does all in his power that will tend to the prosperity of his section of the country as well as keeping an eye open to the interest of the State at large. He has done much towards shaping legislation for the development of the transmontane section. A good member. He is Chairman of Committee on Claims, and serves on Internal Improvements, and Joint Committee to nominate Magistrates.—Democrat.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY.

JOHN HARVEY PAXTON,

EASTATOA, N. C.

Was born in Buncombe county (now Transylvania) on the 19th day of April, 1820. Received a common school education. Emigrated to the State of Georgia in 1854. Settled in Gordon county. In 1862 was elected Captain of Company F. 1st Georgia cavalry. Was mustered into regular service March 22d, 1862. August the 11th was assigned to General Forest. Was in the campaign to Perryville in Kentucky. Fell a victim to disease, and was forced to resign, August 26th, 1864. Returned to his native State, North Carolina, Dec. 23d, 1865. Been magistrate 6 years and school committeeman 4 years. Nominee of the Democratic party in 1878 for the House of Reprerentatives and elected by 75 majority. Committees: Salaries and Fees and County Government.—Democrat.

TYRRELL COUNTY.

WILLIAM G. MELSON,

FORT LANDING, N. C.

Born June 13th, 1839. Educated at the Normal College, now Trinity. Was there in 1856, '57 and '58. Married Feb. 10th, 1859, Miss Mary Ann Alexander, of Tyrrell. Served as magistrate 6 years. Is surveyor, school teacher and farmer. He is an ardent supporter of the temperance cause. Has six children, 4 living and 2 dead. Was elected to his present seat in the House by 128 majority. A very quiet but attentive member.—Democrat.

UNION COUNTY.

DAVID AADERSON COVINGTON,

MONROE, N. C.

Was born in Monroe, N. C., on the 2d day of Dec., A. D. 1853. During the earlier part of his boyhood he received only such education as is usually to be had in small towns. In September, 1870, he entered Wake Forest College and continued there until June 1873, one year prior to graduation. During his collegiate course he represented the Euzelian Literary Society at its 39th Anniversary as first debater, and at the close of the session of 1873, was unanimously elected by said society as its orator for the ensuing Anniversary. In December, 1873, he was married to Miss Ella E. Howie, of Lancaster county, S. C., and on the 7th of August following was so unfortunate as to lose his wife. Immediately thereupon he be began the study of law under Chief Justice R. M. Pearson, and obtained license in June 1875, and commenced the practice forthwith in the town of his nativity. On the 23d day of June, 1878, he was happily married to Miss Mollie A., second daughter of Prof. W. G. Simmons, of Wake Forest College. On the 1st Thursday in Aug., 1878, he was elected to the House of Representatives by a majority of 1375, being by far the largest proportionate, if not absolutely the largest majority, received by any Senator or Representative. Mr. Covington was at the time of his election 24 years of age, and is the youngest member, save one, in the Legislature of 1879. He is chairman of the committee on Insurance, also Public Printing, and serves on committees, Judiciary and Privileges and Elections. He is one of the sprightliest and wittiest members; very quick to catch ideas in a running discussion, and never fails to fitly apply his remarks.—Democrat.

WAKE COUNTY.

WILLIAM ALONZO RICHARDSON,

EAGLE ROCK, N. C.

Born March 24th, 1848. Married June 2nd, 1867 to Miss Verona C. Hood, by whom he has five children. He was prepared for college at Elm Grove Academy. Graduated at Washington University, Baltimore, with the class of 1868. He volunteered in 1863 and joined company I., 8th regiment Georgia Cavalry. Was in a great many engagements, and in the last charge Lee's army made at Appomattox. By profession he is a practicing physician. Elected to the House by 147 majority.—Democrat.

ROBERT WEBB WYNN,

NEUSE, N. C.

Born Sept. 21st, 1813. Educated at the common schools of the community. Married Miss Lucy Ann House, Oct. 3rd, 1837, by whom he has had 9 children—5 now living. Wife died Dec. 2nd, 1878. Been chairman of the board of county commissioners for 6 years. Been connected with the special courts of Wake county for about 35 years. Was member of the Senate in 1876-'77. Elected to the House in 1878. Committees: Internal Improvements, Banks and Currency.—Republican.

J. J. FERRELL,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born near Fish Dam, Wake county, January 8th, 1823. Went to common schools only a few months. What other education he has was received by studying at night and rainy days. Was raised on the farm by a widowed mother. September

15th, 1845, was employed as clerk by Thomas Loring, Esq., of Auburn, 10 miles east of Raleigh. Was appointed postmaster at that place by President Polk in 1852. Moved to Raleigh in 1861 and engaged in the mercantile business. Was elected Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, which office he held for two terms, after which he retired to his farm in Oak Grove Township. In 1876 was elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Was elected in 1878 to the seat which he now occupies. Was married December 15th, 1852, to Miss Cornelia Ellington, of Johnston county.—Republican.

STEWART ELLISON,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in Beaufort county March 8th, 1832. Never went to a day school; all his education was procured by attending a short time at night school, and by his own hard studying while alone. Married the first time Miss Mary Davis, of Beaufort county, by whom he had three daughters. His second wife was Miss Narcissus Lucus, of Raleigh. He served an apprenticeship as carpenter, and now has the trade well. In public life he has served as city alderman of Raleigh for eight years, and as director of the Penitentiary for four years. This is the fifth session he has been a member to the House of Representatives. He is on committees: Education, Deaf, Dumb and Blind, and Public Buildings. He is far above the average of his race as to intelligence, and makes a very fair representative. He takes practical views of most subjects of general importance.—Republican, (col.)

WARREN COUNTY.

HAWKINS W. CARTER,

WARRENTON, N. C.

Was born in Warren county March 23d, 1842, of free parents. Married Feb. 7th, 18—, to Miss Nannie Boyd of Warren county. He is a farmer by occupation. In public life he first appeared as a member to the House of Representatives in 1874; was elected by 800 majority. Was again elected in 1876 by five majority. Was elected to his present seat by about 1,000 majority. During the war he served as an attendant for Captain Jones in the 46th Regiment.—Republican, (col.)

LEWIS THOMAS CHRISTMAS,

WARRENTON, N. C.

Born in Warren county November 4th, 1855. He first went to school in Warrenton, and after this he attended the Shaw University in Raleigh. Has been teaching school in Warren and Granville counties for about five years. Was elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by about 1,300 majority. He serves on committees: Incorporations, and Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute.—Republican, (col.)

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

JOHN McDOWELL BATEMAN,

PLYMOUTH, N. C.

Was born in Washington county July 25th, 1835. His educational advantages were limited to the free and subscription

schools of the community. He has been married three times. Was first married to Miss Emeliza Jackson in 1854. His second wife was Miss Angeline Cooper, to whom he was married in 1867. In 1878 he married the third wife, who was Miss Nancy E. Snell, of Washington county. Has six children. Before the war he was a Henry Clay Whig, and favored emancipation. On account of his Union sentiments during the war he was arrested and put in prison, where he remained for four months. He was then put with the Confederate forces near Fredericksburg, Va., but he escaped from the camp and walked all the way home. In the year 1873 he joined the 11th Regiment of North Carolina U. S. Volunteers, and remained in the Federal service until the close of the war. Soon after the treaty of peace he was appointed under the Provisional Government as Sheriff of Washington county, in which capacity he served for ten years. He has been magistrate for a number of years, and was the member from Washington county in the Constitutional Convention of 1875. Elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by 164 majority. Committees: Internal Improvements, Salaries and Fees, and Finance.—Republican.

WATAUGA COUNTY.

WILLIAM BOWER COUNCIL.

BOONE, N. C.

Is a native of Watauga county. Was born Feb. 23d, 1829. By profession he is a practicing physican. He graduated at the medical college of Charleston, S. C., in the year 1851. After getting his diploma to practice medicine in South Carolina he concluded that the Palmetto State should furnish him a life partner, so in 1855 he marries Miss Alice M. Bostwick, of Sumter, by whom he has six children living. During the war he was a brave and patriotic soldier. He was one of the first

volunteers in South Carolina, and bears the record of firing the first gun that was fired upon the United States flag. It was when the Federal steamer *"Star of the West"* sailed within range of the Confederate guns at Fort Sumter on that memorable day "when the cruel war begun,"———. He enlisted as Captain in Hampton's Legion, in which capacity he served until 1863. While in an engagement at Beans' Station, Tenn., he was wounded, after which he was transferred to the 6th N. C. (Col. Folk's) Regiment, where he served until the hostilities ceased. In public life he has served his country two terms in the General Assembly. He was elected to the Senate for the term 1876--'77, and to his present seat in the House of Representatives by a majority of five votes. He had five opponents —four Democrats and one Republican. He hails from a mountain county not surpassed in many particulars by any in Western Carolina. The air is dry, firm and bracing, and the climate generally is perfectly delightful in the summer season. The variagated scenery along the many creeks and rivers is grand and picturesque. The soil is fertile and admirably adapted to the growth of corn, potatoes, apples, buckwheat and cabbage. The citizens are generous, hospitable and hard workers. The Dr. represents a noble constituency, and that with much credit. —Democrat.

WAYNE COUNTY.

GEORGE CALVIN BUCHAN,

JERICHO, N. C.

Born January 1st, 1829, in Moore county. His school days were spent at Longstreet academy, in Cumberland county, Middleton Academy, in Randolph county, and Normal College (now Trinity.) He moved to Wayne county in November, 1854. Married Miss Mary J. Kornegay, October 18th, 1855,

and has nine children, eight daughters and one son. His wife died July 13th, 1876. In 1861 he entered the Confederate army as a private in Company G, 40th Regiment N. C. State troops. In 1862 he was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant of his Company, and in 1863 he was still furthur honored by receiving the rank of Captain of his Company. He was wounded and taken prisoner at the fall of Fort Fisher. While a prisoner he was incarcerated at Point Lookout and Johnson Island. Was released June 17th, 1865, and reached his home again on the 28th of the same month. His occupation is that of a farmer. Has been magistrate two years. Elected to House by 90 majority. Committees: Propositions and Grievances, Education, and Private Bills.—Democrat.

WILLIAM ANDERSON DEANS,

GOLDSBORO, N. C.

Born in Wayne county May 29th, 1840. His education was obtained at the common country schools and around the fireside. His occupation is that of merchandising and farming. On the 3rd day of May, 1866, he was married to Miss Phœbe Edgerton, of Wayne county, by whom he has five sons. He volunteered June 11th, 1861, and joined the Goldsboro Rifles and continued in service until February, 1865. During his camp life he was in the battle of New Berne, Harpers Ferry, Seven Days, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Bristol Station and several others. At one engagement his regiment entered with 500 mem and in a fight of only 15 minutes the whole regiment was killed or captured except 80. As a public man he has served as Justice of the Peace about five years, Sheriff four years, and elected to the House of Representatives for the present term by 116 majority. He is a member of the Finance Committee, also on the Committee on Towns and Townships.—Republican.

TYRE YORK,

TRAP HILL, N. C.

Born in Surry, May 4th, 1836. Married May 4th, 1858, Miss Eliza Crumpler, of Surry, by whom he has three children. Read medicine, and graduated at Charleston College in 1857. Practices his profession in Wilkes, Surry, Ashe and Alleghany. Was a peace man, but served as Surgeon in "Home Guard" during the war. Elected to House in 1865 and 1867, also in 1870. Elected to Senate for the term of 1876-'77. His county not being entitled to a Senator for 1879, on account of alternate arrangements with Alexander, his people nominated him against his will for the House, knowing that it was highly essential that his name be on the ticket in order to effect a victory for the party; so he was elected by 515 majority. He moved to Wilkes county in 1859, and when he began his political career the county was 900 Republican majority, and after having taken an active part in all the campaigns, he has finally seen the political sentiment of the county entirely revolutionized. The political fighting and management generally has been directly under his control, and much credit is due him for his arduous labors, and his people appreciate his efforts, for every nomination that he has received has been by acclamation. He is a very active and working member. Most of his education was received at East Bend, Yadkin county. Was raised on a farm. Read medicine under Dr. M. Y. Folger, of Rockford, the old county site of Surry.—Democrat.

LAWSON HARRELL,

BRIER CREEK, N. C.

Born in Rutherford county, Feb. 17th, 1838. Began the study of medicine in 1858. Entered Jefferson Medical College,

of Philadelphia, in October, 1859, and graduated March 1st, 1861. He volunteered and entered the Confederate service May 1st, 1861, as a member of company D. 16th regiment. In Feb. 1862 was detailed to recruit the old company, but secured men enough for a new company and was elected 1st Lieutenant. At the battle of Seven Pines he was with Hampton's Legion, at which time Capt. Kilpatrick was killed, after which Mr. Harrell was made Captain of the company. Went into Ramseur's brigade and remained in that command until the close of the war. Was captured by the Federalists near Petersburg on the 25th of March, 1865, taken to Old Capitol at Washington, and from thence to Fort Delaware. Was released the 19th of June, 1865. Settled in Wilkes after the war and has been practicing medicine ever since. Married Miss Carrie Carmichael Feb. 18th, 1864, who died Dec. 26th, 1871. He was elected to his present seat by a large majority. Committees: Penal Institutions, Deaf, Dumb and Blind, and Immigration. A true member.—Democrat.

WILSON COUNTY.

JOSEPH MARCELLUS TAYLOR,

WILSON, N. C.

Born in Nash county, Jan. 5th, 1820. Educated at Richardson's Academy in Wake county. Married Miss Mary T. Windrom, of Philadelphia. Has eight children. Was member to the House of Representatives from Nash county in 1848-'49. Clerk of Court of Equity for 4 years in Nash. Studied law under Judge Fowler and received license to practice in 1853. Moved to Wilson county in 1860. Studied medicine under Dr. J. H. Drake, of Nashville, and went to the Medical University of Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1848. He is a farmer and miller.—Democrat.

YADKIN COUNTY.

BARTON ROBY BROWN,

HAMPTONVILLE, N. C.

Born in Surry county (now Yadkin) Jan. 3rd, 1843. He is son of Rev. Wm. G. Brown, a well known Baptist minister. Received the first rudiments of an education in the public schools of the community in which he lived. At the age of 14 years he entered Yadkin Institute at Boonville, where he attended two sessions. Was married March 13th, 1862, to Miss C. J. Holcomb, of Yadkin county, by whom he has four children. Upon the passage of the Conscript Act, during the war, he refused to enter the Confederate service. Was detailed by Major Mallett to make and haul salt from Saltville, Va., to Yadkin county, which he continued to do from the fall of 1862 to the fall of 1863. In December of the latter year he was arrested and carried as a prisoner to Camp Holmes, Raleigh, thence to Raccoon Ford, Va. He was offered his liberty on condition that he enter the service in company H. 21st N. C. S. T. This he emphatically refused to do. He was then tried by "Drumhead Court Martial," and retained as a prisoner with General Hoke's brigade until the spring of 1864. While at Kinston, N. C., he broke prison and made his way in safety to his old home in Yadkin county. Since the war he has been teaching school and farming alternately. He was appointed magistrate under the provisional government of Governor Holden. In 1870 he attended school at Jamesville Academy. In 1872 he was elected surveyor of the county, and re-elected in 1874 and 1876. He has taken an active part with the Republican party ever since the war. Was the regular nominee of the party in the late election and elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives by 78 majority.—Republican.

YANCEY COUNTY.

DANIEL G. CARTER,

BALD CREEK, N. C.

Born in Yancey county, and educated at the Burnsville High School. He entered the Confederate army in 1862. Was ordnance sergeant in the 62nd regiment. In 1863 he returned home and was with the Home Guard during the balance of the war. Here he acted as Quartermaster Sergeant. This is his first term to the Legislature, he having never aspired to political positions. He has served as magistrate for a number of years. Was elected to his present seat by 151 majority and serves on the following committees: Finance, Insane Asylum, and Salaries and Fees. By occupation he is a farmer and merchant. He is a jolly and clever gentleman, and will be a fortune to some young lady some of these days.—Democrat.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENATE.

JAMES LOWRIE ROBINSON, PRESIDENT.

FRANKLIN, MACON COUNTY, N. C.

Was born in Franklin, Macon county, September 17th, 1838. His father, James Robinson, came to North Carolina from Tennessee, was a merchant of Note and character, and died in the village that was the birth place of his son, June, 1843. His early training was only what the common schools of his county and the village academy afforded, and a year at Emory & Henry College was added to his education by his own hard-earned wages and the kind assistance of a friend and relative. When armed men sprang up in every hamlet of North Carolina at the call of her authorities he volunteered as a private foot soldier in Company H, 16th N. C. Troops, and became Quartermaster Sergeant in same regiment. At the re-organization he was elected Captain of the Company of which he was a soldier and its triumphs became a part of his history. Wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines, he led his men over the fields of Manassas when it was baptized with blood a second time. Participating in the engagement at Chantilly Farm he was present at the terrible struggle that decided the Maryland campaign at Sharpsburg. When he had laid aside his sword and returned to peaceful vocations, his people recognized in him the deliberate courage and solid qualities of mind that are valuable in civil employments; and chose him to be their Commoner in 1868. He was returned without opposition in 1870. No mark of confidence could have bestowed greater honor upon him. He had been one of a bold and true minority that had withstood the seductions of a reckless and extravagant administration, and had rendered success for the Democracy possible. When chosen a representative in 1872, he was almost by common consent elevated to the highest honor of the body of which he was a member, and when the Speaker's baton was again tendered him in 1874 it came as a palm of merit that he had no right to put aside. The retribution in the history of North Carolina came in 1876. The ruins were restored. The counties bearing names conspicuously North Carolinian, and composing his Senatorial District, called him to serve them in the Upper Chamber of the State's councils. He came without opposition, and was chosen President of that distinguished body. Long experience

and great familiarity with the duties of a presiding officer over a deliberative body made it eminently fit that he be chosen to fill this high position. His conduct of the business of the Senate from the assembling of the Legislature until the qualification of Lieutenant Governor Jarvis as Governor added to his growing repupation as a legislator and parliamentarian. No man ever had more loyal constituents and no people ever had a more faithful servant. His Senatorial services were endorsed by a re-election unsought and to which no opposition was offered. He was elected President of the Senate February 5th, and served in that capacity with great acceptability to the whole Senate. His familiarity with parliamentary usages, his bold and fearless impartiality and quickness of decision rendered him admirably fitted for the honored position he filled so well.

ROBERT McKNIGHT FURMAN, Secretary,

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Is a gentleman of fine personal appearance and possesses qualities that win friends wherever he goes. He is about 33 years old, is married, has two children. He is a native of Franklin county. His life since maturity has been spent principally in the newspaper business. When only 20 years of age he established the American Eagle, at Louisburg, Franklin county—this was in year 1866. After some time this paper was moved to Henderson and the name changed to that of the Henderson Index, which he published until 1869, during which year he sold out the paper and fixtures to Cicero W. Harris, Esq., now editor of the Wilmington Daily Sun. In December of 1869 he moved to Norfolk, Va., and publish-ed the Norfolk Courier for one year, after which he had charge for some time of the editorial columns of the Ridgeway Press. He was then employed for some time on the Raleigh Daily Sentinel. This was during the prosperous days of Josiah Turner. He reported the proceedings of the Legislature for this paper at the time W. W. Holden, Governor of the State, was impeached. After severing his connection with this paper he revived the Franklin Courier and published it until October 1872—at which time he purchased the Asheville Citizen from Capt. Nat. Atkinson, and in connection with Jordan Stone, Esq., is still publishing that paper. At the State Convention held in Greensboro in 1872, at the time Merrimon was nominated for Governor, he received next to the highest vote cast for Secretary of State. John Womack, of Chatham, his opponent, was nominated by a very small majority. He was elected Secretary of the Senate for the session of 1876-'77, and re-elected without oppo-

sition to the same position in the present Senate. He is thoroughly conversant with the work of the office and makes an efficient Secretary.—Democrat.

JOHN S. TOMLINSON, Engrossing Clerk,

HICKORY, CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.

He is a native of Iredell county. January 1st, 1875, he purchased one-half interest in the Piedmont Press, Hickory, N. C., and located in that town. September 11th of the same year, he became sole owner and is yet the editor and proprietor of that paper.—Democrat.

PLATT D. COWAN, Reading Clerk of Senate,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Is a native of New Hanover county and a son of the late Robert H. Cowan, Esq. He is a heavy built young man, measures 5 feet 10 inches, brown eyes, black hair and moustache and runs above 200 avoirdupoise. When a boy he attended the High School at Oxford, Granville county; later he spent some time about the classic halls of the State University. At the age of twelve years he was librarian of the Wilmington Librarian Association, after which he was connected for a number of years with the Carolina Central Railway Company, but more recently has held a position as clerk in the criminal Court of New Hanover county. His father was a very eloquent speaker and represented his native county many times in the State Legislature. He is a grandson of the lamented Hon. David Stone, of Bertie county, who was once Governor of North Carolina, Supreme Court Judge and Senator to the United States Congress.—Democrat.

H. D. MURRILL, Seargeant-at-Arms.

Is from and a native of Onslow county, was born in the year 1840. He served during the whole war between the States in different capacities. During the last twelve years he has been engaged in farming. He married a daughter of Dr. Charles Duffy, of Onslow county, she has been dead four years.—Democrat.

W. V. CLIFTON, Assistant Door Keeper.

RALEIGH, N. C.

Is a native of Franklin county, was born in the year 1840. He served four years in the Confederate service, and was in prison at Point Lookout. After the war he served two years as Deputy Sheriff of Franklin county, since which time he has been living in Wake and engaged at farming. He was married in 1866, and has two children, one boy and one girl.—Democrat.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN MADISON MORING, Speaker,

PITTSBORO, N. C.

Was born at Moringsville, in Chatham county, on the 11th of March, 1841, and raised on a farm. He was educated at Graham College and at our time-honored State University, and would have graduated with the class of 1863—'64 but for the war between the States. He left the classic shades of Chapel Hill in the spring of 1862 and joined as a private in Company G, 7th Regiment North Carolina State Troops, and was Sergeant Major of the regiment at the surrender of Johnston at Greensboro, in 1865. When the war was over he studied law, obtained his license and entered successfully upon the practice of his profession in the counties of Chatham, Orange and Alamance. In 1872 the people of Chatham county recognizing his merits, elected him to the Legislature of North Carolina. In this Legislature he was the chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and a prominent member of the Committees on the Judiciary and the State debt. In 1874 he was re-elected by a large majority to the General Assembly. In 1876 he was elected by an increased majority to the General Assembly. He was a member of the committee to locate the Western Insane Asylum, and on the committee to cancel and destroy the coupons received under the Funding Acts of 1867-'68; and was on the committee with Major John W. Graham, of Orange; Montford McGehee, of Person; L. R. Waddell, of Johnston, and Thos. R. Purnell, of Wake, to examine and cancel the vouchers in

office of Treasurer and reported this session. Last summer Mr. Moring was elected to the House by a larger majority than ever before. The people of Chatham are devotedly attached to him; they have honored him by their unwavering support, and he has served them and the people of the State faithfully and ably. Mr. Moring is a good debater and industrious member, a good parliamentarian and a true man. His decided character, even temper, quickness and experience fit him admirably for the post of Speaker, and the duties of that office have been faithfully executed.—Democrat.

JOHN D. CAMERON, Principal Clerk,

HILLSBORO, N. C.

Is a native of Cumberland county. He was educated at Chapel Hill, he having graduated with the class of 1841. He was for some time editor in chief of the Raleigh Daily News; has been editor and proprietor of the Hillsboro Recorder for six years; also contributing editor of the Farmer and Mechanic. He has filled the place he now occupies for the three past sessions of the General Assembly. His experience and business qualifications peculiarly fit him to fill the responsible place.—Democrat.

WARREN JASPER BARRETT, Engrossing Clerk,

KINSTON, N. C.

The Engrossing Clerk of the present and the last two Houses of Representatives was born in Gainsville, Ga., March 27th, 1831, and is 48 years of age. He received a common school education, and was trained to the mercantile business. At the age of 5 years his father, Reuben Barrett, took him to Lumpkin county, Georgia, to which place the old gentleman moved with his family. Here the Major attended school, and commenced clerking at the age of 17. Leaving this place he went to Rome, Ga., and clerked until 1851, when, in company with a lot of adventurers, he went to California and remained 4 years, engaged in mining, at which business he acquired and saved a considerable sum of money. While in California he met with, and was a boon companion of, the distinguished but unfortunate Indian warrior, Capt. Jack, Chief of the Modocs, and contracted a warm and life-long friendship for that ill-starred hero. In

1854 he returned to Rome, Ga., and opened a dry goods store. This, after one year's trial, he changed into a commission business, and made a fortune. Upon the outbreak of the late war between the States he promptly obeyed the call of his country and enlisted as a private in Company "A," 8th Georgia Regiment, then commanded by the lamented Bartow, who fell at the first Manassas. A few days after this battle he was promoted by Gen. Jos. E. Johnston to the rank of Major, and placed in command of the 16th Confederate Battalion, composed entirely of Irishmen, and with this command he continued until the invasion of Pennsylvania. While at Leesburg, on this eventful campaign, he was ordered by the Secretary of War to report to him at Richmond, and was assigned to duty with the army of the West, for secret service, at the special request of Gen. Bragg, then in command. With this army he remained, sharing in all its glories and hardships until the sinking star of the Confederacy paled into its final obscuration at Appomattox! The Major was engaged in many of the great battles of the war, and at the second battle of Manassas received a wound which will render him a cripple for life, and from which he now suffers. In 1862 he was married to Miss Mary E. Bright, of Lenoir county, and has six children. He has traveled a good deal, and left friends wherever he has gone. He is tall, dignified, and commanding in appearance, and, but for his wound, would be an athletic man. Is a positive man--always has, and never hesitates to express, an opinion. Has strong likes, and as strong antipathies. Is quick to resent an affront, and, when aroused is a dangerous foe, but when shown to be in the wrong, as ready to forgive.—Democrat.

ROBT. W. BEST, Reading Clerk.

RALEIGH, N. C.

Is a native of Greene county. In 1857 he was elected Clerk of Greene county court, which position he held two terms, or eight years. He was purchasing agent for commissary supplies during the war, under Maj. W. W. Morrison and Dr. T. D. Hogg. After the war closed he was appointed Secretary of State, to fill the unexpired term of C. R. Thomas, and moved to Raleigh in November, 1865. He held the said office during the administration of Governor Worth, and gave universal satisfaction, --so much so that the Legislature in 1866 voted unanimously for his re-election. He has filled the principal offices in the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, and was Grand Master in 1868.

JOHN HILL, Door-Keeper,

Ashboro, N. C.

Is one of the smallest men in the House, but is a very energetic and working old gentleman. He has seen the frosts of 66 winters, and is to-day as active as a young man of 18 summers. He has a wife and one child living. He lost two sons during the late contest between the States, By profession he is a confectioner at Ashboro, the county town of Randolph. He has held the place he now occupies in the General Assembly for the whole time during the past eighteen years.—Democrat.

JAMES P. NORTON, Assistant Door-Keeper.

Marion, N. C.

Is a large and portly man, weighing 215 lbs. He joined the Confederate army in March, 1862, and was wounded in the leg at the famous battle of Seven Pines. His leg was amputated in the Exchange Hospital, Richmond, Va., May 3d. He was a member of Company C, 4th Reg't N. C. State Troops, in Gen. Featherston's Brigade and Gen. D. H. Hill's Corps. Since the war he has been earning a living for himself and his small family by shoemaking and managing a small farm. He was elected Assistant Door-Keeper of the House for the session of 1874-'75, and Principal Door-Keeper for the Constitutional Convention of 1875. For the session of the General Assembly of 1876-'77 he was again elected Assistant Door-Keeper of the House and re-elected to the same position for the present session.—Democrat.

A. D. BROOKS, Enrolling Clerk,

Company Shops, Alamance County, N. C.

Is a native of Chatham county; has brown eyes, black hair and moustache; stands six feet and six inches in his boots, and tips the scales at the even notch of 200 lbs. He graduated at Trinity College in the class of 1874-'75. For some time past he has had charge of a Methodist School at Company Shops, which school is under the direction of the Hillsboro District Conference. Mr. B. is a very clever young gentleman, and is rapidly aspiring to matrimonial honors.

STATE OFFICERS.

THOMAS JORDAN JARVIS, Governor,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in the county of Currituck on the 18th day of January, 1836. His father was a devout and useful member of the M. E. Church South. Owing to straitened circumstances our Governor followed the plow until his eighteenth year. When after a year's preparation at home he entered Randolph Macon College, in Virginia, and by teaching during his vacations and with the aid of friends he was enabled to complete his education and graduated in 1860, whereupon he immediately began teaching a school in Pasquotank county and continued until June, 1861, when he entered the army and served in the 17th and 8th Regiments N. C. State Troops. He shared all the dangers and hardships of his command until the 17th of May, 1864, when he was severely wounded at Drury's Bluff, from which wound his right arm now hangs paralyzed at his side. After the war he entered into the mercantile business in the county of Tyrrell and at the same time arduously pursued the study of law and received his license to practice at June Term, 1866, of the Supreme Court. In the year 1865 he was elected to the Andrew Johnson Convention. He served in the Legislature in the memorable sessions of 1868–'69 and 1870. In 1870 he was re-elected to the Legislature and made Speaker of the House of Representatives. His success on the floor and in the chair at once stamped him as one of the best parliamentarians and presiding officers in North Carolina. He was a candidate for Elector from his district on the Seymour and Blair ticket and for the State at large on the Greeley ticket. In 1874 he married Miss Mary, the accomplished daughter of John Woodson, Esq., of Richmond, Va., at one time editor of the Richmond Whig. In 1875 Gov. Jarvis was elected to the State Convention from the county of Pitt where he had located, and having been nominated for Lieutenant Governor in 1876 made a thorough canvass and was triumphantly elected. On the 5th of February, 1879, Governor Vance having been elected to the United States Senate, Gov. Jarvis reaped his merited reward and was inaugurated Governor of his State. Governor Jarvis is a man of decided ability, and is now taking a prominent place in the estimation of the people as the Chief Magistrate of the State.—Democrat.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE SAUNDERS, Secretary of State,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in Raleigh, July 30th, 1835, graduated in June, 1854, studied law under Judge W. H. Battle, at Chapel Hill, obtained license to practice in the county courts in January, 1856, and another to practice in the other courts in June, 1857. On the 10th of October, 1857, he moved to Salisbury, and resided there until the beginning of the war. In April, 1861, he volunteered as a member of the Rowan Rifle Guards, Capt. Frank McNeely, and was ordered to Fort Johnston, below Wilmington. In June, 1861, he was appointed a Lieutenant in the "Rowan Artillery," better known as Reilly's Battery, then in camp for instruction ner Weldon. The Battery went with the 4th Regiment, N. C. Troops, Colonel G. B. Anderson commanding, to Manassas Junction, arriving there a few days after the battle, and remained until its equipment was somewhat perfected, when, having been detached from the Regiment, it was assigned to the Artillery Corps of Colonel Pendleton. Having received an appointment as Captain from Governor Clark, of North Carolina, he resigned his Lieutenancy in January, 1862, and returned to Salisbury, enlisted a company of infantry for the war, carried it to Raleigh for instruction at Camp Mangum where it became a part of the 46th Regiment, North Caralina Troops, Colonel E. D. Hall commanding. In May, 1862, the regiment was ordered to Goldsboro, thence to Richmond, thence to Drury's Bluff, where it became a part of Gen. J. G. Walker's Brigade, better known afterwards as Cooke's Brigade, Heth's Division, A. P. Hill's Corps, Army Northern Virginia. He was twice wounded—once at the first battle at Fredericksburg, in the right cheek, and again at the Wilderness in May, 1864, very severely, the ball entering the left corner of the mouth, and passing out at the back of the neck on the right side. He was promoted in 1862 to be Major, in 1863 to be Lieutenant Colonel, and on the first of January, 1864, to be Colonel of his Regiment. His military service was terminated at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, by the surrender of General Lee, on the 9th of April, 1865, when he was paroled as a prisoner of war. On the 3d of February, 1864, at the residence of Mr. Thomas Barnes, near Marianna, Florida, he married Florida Call, third daughter of the late John W. Cotton, of North Carolina. On the 9th of July, 1865, his wife died. With health and strength greatly impaired by wounds, Colonel Saunders after the war removed to Florida and engaged in planting. Returning to this State, he was elected in 1870 Secretary of the Senate, and in 1872 was re-elected. His readiness and familiarity with its rules made him a most useful officer of the Senate. From 1872 to 1876 he was one of the editors of the Wilmington Journal, winning high character as a journalist and great reputation as a wise political leader. To him and to his brother-in-law and partner, the late Major Engelhard, are greatly due the steady growth and final triumph of the Democratic

party in North Carolina. In November, 1876, he in connection with Peter M. Hale, established the Raleigh Daily Observer. Col. Saunders was appointed Secretary by Gov. Jarvis on the 17th of February to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Maj. Joseph A. Engelhard, who was elected by the people in 1876, and served very acceptably until his death, which occurred on the 15th of February.—Democrat.

JOHN M. WORTH, Treasurer,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in Guilford county June 28th, 1811. Graduated as a physician in the Medical College at Lexington, Ky. Was a member of the State Senate seven different times. His home is now in Randolph county.—Democrat.

THOMAS S. KENAN, Attorney General.

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in Duplin county February 17th, 1838. Graduated at Chapel Hill in 1857. A lawyer by profession. Entered the army as Captain but was promoted to the Colonelcy of the 43d Regiment North Carolina State Troops. Was a member of the House of Representatives in 1865 and in 1866. His home is at Wilson, N. C.—Democrat.

JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH, Superintendent of Public Instruction,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in Wake county, September 21st, 1841. Served through the war. Graduated at Wake Forest in 1869. His home is now in Johnston county.—Democrat.

SAMUEL LEONIDAS LOVE, STATE AUDITOR.

WAYNESVILLE, HAYWOOD COUNTY, N. C.

Born in Haywood county, August 28th, 1828. Educated at Washington College, Tennessee. Read medicine at Asheville, N. C., under Drs. Hardy and Lester. Attended the Philadelphia College of Medicine two years, and graduated with the class of 1853. Was elected a member of Gov. Bragg's Council for the years 1855-'56, but resigned this position to accept a seat in the House of Commons, and continued to represent his county in that capacity until after the war, he then being handed. Next appearance in political life was as a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1875. At the State Convention in 1876 he received the unanimous vote of the Convention for Auditor, and was elected and still holds that office. During the war he held a commission as Sergeon in Thomas' Legion. Married October 11th, 1870 to Miss R. E. Boyd, daughter of Maj. Robt. Boyd, who died on the 23rd of October, 1878.—Democrat.

LEE S. OVERMAN, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in Salisbury on the 3rd day of January, 1854; was graduated from Trinity College in 1874, receiving the degree of A. B., and three years later the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater. After graduation he taught school in Winston two sessions, and then accepted the principalship of a Masonic school at County Line in Davie county. In June, 1876, he commenced the study of law under Col. J. M. McCorkle, of Salisbury, and in the campaign of 1876 took a very active part. On the 31st of January, 1877, he was appointed by Gov. Vance his confidential clerk, and on the 1st of January, 1879, he received the appointment of Private Secretary. While in Raleigh he pursued the study of his profession under Richard H. Battle, Jr., Esq., and at the January Term, 1878, of the Supreme Court received license and was admitted to the bar. On the 31st of October, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary O., eldest daughter of Senator A. S. Merrimon. Gov. Jarvis continued him in the office of Private Secretary which he now holds. Mr. Overman is a good looking and clever gentleman and makes an excellent Secretary. Since he entered the practice of law he has succeeded well, and received the high compliment of gaining the first suit he brought before the Supreme Court, and he having in that instance a prima facia case against him.—Democrat.

SHERWOOD HAYWOOD, State Librarian,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in the city of Raleigh March 12, 1853, and is the eldest son of Dr. R. B. Haywood. He began his studies in his native city under Jefferson M. Lovejoy, afterwards attending in succession "Pell on Military Institute, Westchester county, New York, and 13th Street College, Philadelphia. After leaving the latter he pursued his studies at Columbia Law School, New York city, having decided to make the law his profession. He returned to Raleigh in the spring of 1875, following the study of the law under R. H. Battle, Jr. Having turned his attention to politics, he took an active part in the great campaign of 1876, and was one of the leaders in organizing the Tilden-Vance Club of Raleigh, probably the largest in the State, having a membership of 763 voters, and was elected Vice-President of the same. Shortly afterward he was appointed Private Secretary to Gen. W. R. Cox, Chairman of State Democratic Executive Committee, which position he held during the entire campaign. The Democratic ticket being elected, he was appointed by Gov. Z. B. Vance State Librarian soon after he was inaugurated, January 1st, 1877, since which time he has devoted himself to the duties of that office and the study of his profession. He applied to the Supreme Court, and after examination was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law January 1st, 1878. His close attention to his duties as Librarian, his genial disposition and pleasant manners have rendered him very popular with all who visit the State Library.—Democrat.

DONALD W. BAIN, Clerk to the Treasurer,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in the city of Raleigh April 2d, 1841. Was educated by Professor J. M. Lovejoy. Was prepared for College, but preferring to engage in business pursuits, he never entered college. Was married January 26, 1865, to Miss Adelaide V. Hill. Is a member of the M. E. Church, South, and has served as an officer in said church since 1865. He entered the office of Comptroller under C. H. Brogden in 1857. In this capacity he served the State until appointed Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, which he has held ever since. In February, 1867, he was appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina, and has been annually elected ever since. He also holds the position of Grand Secretary and Gr. Recorder of the other Masonic bodies in the State. Mr. Bain has the confidence of every one who knows him, and a

more deserving, worthy gentleman is not to be found in the State. He is a most estimable gentleman, and all who know him love him.—Democrat.

THOMAS C. WORTH, Teller of Treasury,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born the 9th of November, 1854. He was educated at the Bingham School, and up to the time of his appointment as Teller, was engaged with his father, Hon. J. M. Worth, in mercantile pursuits. Upon the withdrawal of Hon. M. S. Robins, in 1876, from the editorial duties on the Randolph Regulator, to accept the nomination of State Senator from the 25th District, he was left editor-in-chief during the hottest period of the campaign of 1876. He graduated at Judge Strong's Law School in 1878, January term. His business accomplishments eminently fit him for the responsible trust he holds in the Treasury Department. He was married on the 3d of October, 1878, to a daughter of Mr. George C. Hannah, of Charlotte county, Va.—Democrat.

JAMES McLEOD TURNER, Keeper of the Capitol,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in District of Columbia, near Washington, D. C., February 24th, 1841. Came to North Carolina in the early part of the year 1852. Located in Hillsboro; received an education at Alexandria High School, Alexandria, Va. Located in Salisbury in 1858. At the call of Gov. Ellis for troops to man the Forts on the coast, he joined the first company that left Salisbury and was ordered to Fort Johnson, at Smithville, N. C. Remained there two months, when he received an appointment from the Governor to raise a company for the war. Was assigned to the 7th Regiment under Col. Reuben P. Campbell. The following brief statement of his career during the war is copied from the Roll of Honor: "His company was mustered into service as Co. F, 7th N. C. Regiment, Aug. 21st, 1861. He was in command of the rear guard at New Berne, N. C., and his company was left to burn the bridge over the Trent River after the retreat of our forces. He was slightly wounded in the side. He was present at the battle of Hanover Court House, Va., in all the battles around Richmond, at Cedar Run, Manassas Plains, and 2d battle of Manassas, where he was wounded in the head and compelled to leave the field. He rejoined his command shortly after the battle of Shepherdstown, and was with it in the battle of Fredericksburg December 13th,

1863, when he was again dangerously wounded by a ball through the right lung and also severely in the head. He was promoted to Major of this Regiment May 3d, 1863, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Lieut. Col. Hill. He rejoined his command in time to take part in the campaign in Pennsylvania, and commanded his regiment in the battle of Gettysburg; was wounded by a ball passing near the spinal column, disabling him probably for life; was captured on that battle-field on July 3d, 1863, and held a prisoner of war for fourteen months. The 7th Regiment had not a braver soldier or more efficient officer than Maj. Turner." After his release from prison his general officers insisted on his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel before retirement, for which he had applied, being so disabled as to be unable to return to active service. Since the war he has been for the greater part of the time unable to attend to any business. He was elected Engrossing Clerk to the Senate session of 1872-'73, and was chosen without opposition to the same position each succeeding year, until in January, 1877, he was appointed Keeper of the Capitol by Gov. Vance. He suffers a great deal every day from the effects of the wounds received during the war. He is an intelligent and highly cultivated gentleman, and has a large circle of warm friends.—Democrat.

FIELDING McNEILL STRAUGHAN, Capitol Janitor,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in Chatham county February 23d, 1834. Moved to Raleigh in 1851. Was married December 23d, 1859, to Miss Eliza Massingall, of Wake county, by whom he has five children. Was in the Confederate service from the beginning to the end. He served as teamster for the medical department of the 26th (Col. Vance's) Regiment. He was appointed Janitor of the Capitol eight years ago, and has held the position ever since with much credit to himself. He is very attentive, and performs his duties faithfully.—Democrat.

GERARD W. PARTIN, Capitol Watchman.

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in Wake county November 16th, 1840. Raised on a farm. Volunteered and entered the Confederate service on the 22d May, 1861, was a member of Company D, 26th Regiment N. C. State Troops. He was wounded the 3d day of July, 1863, at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., which wound afterwards caused the amputation of his right arm. After the

war has been engaged in farming, until 1877 was appointed by Colonel J. McLeod Turner as Capitol Policeman. His duties are to remain up all night and patrol the various parts of the Capitol building, to see that there is no danger of fire breaking out in the different rooms, and to suppress any disturbance that might occur on the Capitol grounds.—Democrat.

LEONIDAS L. POLK, Commissioner of Agriculture,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Born in Anson county April 24th, 1837—a descendant of the Mecklenburg family of Polks. The only child by the second marriage of his father. Parents died when he was about 15 years old. Educated only in the English branches and chiefly in the schools of his county; was one year at Davidson College. Married at 20 years of age. Engaged in farming. Was elected to the Legislature in 1860 as a Union Whig; served three sessions. Entered the Confederate service as a private in the 26th North Carolina Regiment in May, 1862. Was appointed by Col. Vance Sergeant Major of the Regiment; was elected Lieutenant of Co. I, 43d North Carolina Regiment, February, 1863. Was nominated and elected to the Legislature in the fall of 1864 as "the army candidate." Was elected to the Constitutional Convention in 1865, and served the two sessions. Has since persistently declined to hold political office. Was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture by the Board, April 2d, 1877. Resides in Raleigh.—Democrat.

THOMAS J. ROBINSON, Sec'y and Treas. Board of Agriculture,

RALEIGH, N. C.

Was born in Cumberland county, A. D. 1827. Is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, class of 1849. Was married at the age of 25. Engaged in farming and afterwards in teaching school; was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the United States Navy, and at the breaking out of the war resigned his commission and returned to North Carolina; was connected with the Confederate Arsenal in Fayetteville, and held the position of Chief of Laboratory at the time of the surrender. Since then for several years was engaged in civil engineering, and in April, 1877, was appointed to his present position.—Democrat.

STATE INSTITUTIONS.

INSANE ASYLUM,

RALIGH, N. C.

The Insane Asylum of North Carolina is situated one mile southwest of the Capitol at Raleigh. It is a building of imposing exterior, extending 726 feet; the wings are three stories in height. The centre building is 80 by 120 feet, four stories high, with an observatory which is 110 feet, from the basement. On the fourth floor of the centre building are water tanks of a capacity of 15,000 gallons, which are filled by means of the steam pump operating on Rocky Branch some three or four hundred yards from the building. The walls of the building are of brick stuccoed on a granite foundation. The doors, floors, window frames and other parts of the internal finish, are of the common long leaf pine of the country. The entire basement of the centre and wings of the building is occupied by the heating apparatus, water, steam and gas piping, and the large pipes for carrying off the sewerage. The steam is conveyed by pipes to the radiator at the base of the flues in the walls, thence through the flues to each story above where it enters the rooms and corridors through registers inserted in the walls. The water is conveyed by pipes from the tanks in the attic to all parts of the building; one large pipe taking it to the boilers in the basement where it is heated and then by the force of gravity carried by a separate system of pipes to the same points, so that every part of the building is supplied with hot and cold water side by side. The house was originally constructed to accommodate 224 inmates, but owing to the great demand for admission there have been during the past years as many as 275 crowded within its wards. The buildings are well prepared against fire, the apparatus and arrangement being very complete, and the large supply of water contained in the tanks in the attic, besides a reservoir of 43,000 gallons near the boiler house, can, at a moment's notice, be thrown on any part of the house from within or without by an engine kept always in readiness for action. The first act incorporating the Insane Asylum of North Carolina was passed by the Legislature of 1848, making an appropriation of $80,000. Other appropriations were made by subsequent Legislatures, the whole amounting to about $300,000. The first inmate, Andrew M. Holderby, of Rockingham county, a soldier of the Mexican war, was admitted on the 22nd of February, 1856. From that time to the spring of 1878, as shown by the report of the Superintendent to the Board of Directors, there have been

admitted to the institution 1,240 patients, of which number 315 were discharged cured, 127 improved, 180 stationary, and 334 died, leaving upon the books 281 under treatment the present year. The enterprise of erecting and maintaining an Asylum for the insane met with very strong opposition at the outset. The success of the movement was owing mainly to the personal influence and exertion of Miss D. L. Dix, whose life has been devoted to the alleviation of the sufferings of this class of our fellow creatures both in this country and Europe. On both continents she has been directly instrumental in the organization of hospitals and asylums for their care and treatment, and in arousing sympathy in their behalf. Through her efforts the Pope was influenced, some years ago, to erect a magnificent institution for the insane at Rome. Soon after the passage of the act of incorporation in 1848, the Commissioners of the Asylum were organized by the appointment of Governor Morehead as Chairman, and the work on the building was begun. The superintendency was first offered to Dr. Edmund Strudwick, of Hillsboro, who accepted it only temporarily. He was succeeded by Dr. Edward C. Fisher, of Virginia, on the first day of October, 1853, as Superintendent of Construction and Medical Superintendent. He held the position until the 7th of July, 1868, when he resigned and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Dr. Eugene Grissom, of Granville county. The other officers of the institution at present are Dr. F. T. Fuller, Assistant Physician, who has held that position and faithfully performed its duties continuously since his election in 1856; Mr. James H. Moore, Steward, who is now filling the position for the third time with much acceptability; Mrs. M. A. Lawrence, Matron, who has occupied the place with great efficiency for ten years, and Mr. James S. West, Engineer, who was elected at the regular meeting of the Board in December, 1877. The Insane Asylum is one of our grandest State charities and ought to be cherished and sustained by our Legislature, and made a worthy object of State pride by all our people.

WESTERN ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE,

MORGANTON, N. C.

Owing to the increase of insanity in the State by reason of which the Asylum at Raleigh was insufficient to accommodate all of those so unfortunate the Legislature of 1874–'75 thought wise to locate and build an Asylum in the Western part of the State and to this end sent a special committee westward with instructions to visit Statesville, Morganton, Asheville and other points, and report the most advantageous place of location. Following the report of that committee, the location was con-

tested for by various towns of the West. Morganton, however, was successful in securing the location and under an act of the Legislature entitled "An act to provide another asylum for the insane of North Carolina," ratified March 10th, 1875, the following Commissioners were appointed to carry out the provisions of the act, to-wit: Hon. Wm. A. Graham, of Orange; Dr. Eugene Grissom, of Wake; Dr. Nereus Mendenhall, of Guilford; Col. T. G. Walton, of Burke, and Dr. M. Whitehead, of Rowan. Very soon, however, Hon. Wm. A. Graham resigned and Capt. C. B. Denson, of Chatham, was elected by the board to fill the vacancy. The Board being fully organized they entered upon a vigorous prosecution of their labors. Sam'l Sloan, Esq., of Philadelphia, eminent as an architect, was employed to draft a design with specifications, for the building. His success is well attested by the very commodious and well appointed structure which since that time has been slowly but surely rearing its head over one of the most beautiful landscape scenes to be foud in Western North Carolina. The site is one that has called forth the admiration of all who have ever visited it. Elevated as it is, its surroundings are picteresque in the extreme. Immediately in front a placid and beautiful lake of water floats out upon the view, whilst on every side the most enticing prospect of arable land is presented. At a distance the view is one of surpassing grandeur and beauty. To the north may be seen the Grandfather and Table Rock mountains, then follow in one vast circle Hi Briten, the South Mountains, the Pilot, Black Mountain, Mounts Mitchell and Clingman, with others of lesser note. All this would seem to be peculiarly adapted in its soothing influence upon the mind of the Insane. The water supply of the Asylum is brought by pipes four and three-fourths miles from a spring in the heart of the South Mountains, and considering the importance of an abundant supply of pure water to an institution of this kind does credit to the wisdom of the commissioners who contrived it. The work progressed during the seasons of 1875–'76, until the commission expended about seventy-five thousand dollars with which they had bought the site and requisite lands, (in all over two hundred acres), had laid the water line, and put into the walls about two and one half millions of brick, making altogether a fine showing in the important work they had undertaken. The entire length of the building is 918 feet in a straight line. Has a centre building and four wings in the right and left of this, three of which are parallel and the end ones at right angles to them. The centre building is four stories high, the first two wings three stories, the others two stories, twenty separate wards in all. The material used is all of best quality. Under an act of the Legislature, enlitled "An act to provide for the completion of the Western Asylum for the Insane," ratified March 7th, 1877; Col. J. C. Harper, of Caldwell county, (who had also served on the former Board since Dr. M. Whitehead resigned), J. G. Hall, Esq., of Catawba, and Col. W. S. Pearson, of Burke, were appointed to still further prosecute the work. Their management has been in effect to carry out

the wise plans adopted by their predecessors. They, however, were limited to the construction of the centre building and south wings, leaving the north wings until the State should be financially better prepared to carry out the entire original plan, and an early completion of a part of the building being demanded by the necessities of the insane. This commission placed in the walls about three and one half million brick, have the south wings about seven-eights covered with slate, and have expended some sixty thousand dollars. It is thought an aditional expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars will put the building in condition to be used. Investigation has shown this work to surpass any previous public work in point of workmanship and economy of expenditure.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND ASYLUM,

RALEIGH, N. C.

The North Carolina Institution for the education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind was founded in 1849. There are now present in the Institution one hundred and thirty-five pupils. The principal officers are, H. A. Gudger, Principal; R. S. Tucker, President of the Board; E. Hall, Stewart. The Institution is under the management of a Board of Directors, (7) appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Their term of office is two years and until their successors are appointed. The Principal is elected by the Board for the same length of time—the other officers for one year. The Institution for the colored Deaf and Dumb and Blind was commenced in 1868. The building now occupied by them was built under an appropriation made by the Legislature of 1873. It is located one mile from the main Institution and is under the same Board of Directors and principal officers. Pupils from the State, between 8 and 21, are admitted free of charge. Total number of white and colored deaf mute and blind persons under instruction at present is one hundred and ninety-four. The Institution is in a prosperous condition. Under the general order to investigate the affairs of the Penal and Charitable Institutions, the committee made a most flattering report as to the efficiency of the officers of this Institution and the manner in which they had discharged their duties during the two past years.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA,

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

The University of North Carolina was established in obedience to a clause of Section XLI of the Constitution of the State, adopted on the 18th of December, 1776, viz: "All useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted in one or more Universities." In consequence of the exigencies of the War for Independence, and the prostration following it, some years elapsed before the mandate of the Constitution was carried into effect. On the 21st of November, 1789, the Convention of the State, sitting in Fayetteville, ratified the Constitution of the United States and entered the American Union. One month thereafter the General Assembly, sitting in the same town, granted the Charter of the University. The preamble declares that "in all well regulated governments it is the indispensable duty of every Legislature to consult the happiness of the rising generation, and endeavor to fit them for an honorable discharge of the social duties of life by paying the strictest attention to their education," and that "a University supported by permanent funds, and well endowed, would have the most direct tendency to answer the above purpose." The trustees were the leading men of that day, many of them having assisted in framing the Constitution of 1776. In November, 1792, the University was located at Chapel Hill, in the county of Orange, near the centre of the State, twenty-eight miles from Raleigh, the seat of government, on an elevated plateau several hundred feet above the sandstone basin, which traverses the State; a plateau remarkable for the purity of its water, the beauty and variety of its forest growth, the healthfulness of its climate. The land on which the buildings are located, 840 acres in one body, was donated by the citizens of the neighborhood. In October, 1793, the corner stone of the first building, the Old East, was laid with Masonic honors by Governor Wm. Richardson Davie, Grand Master. The doors were opened for students in February, 1795. The buildings are now seven in number, affording accommodations for 500 students, with ample recitation rooms and public halls. The University had attained a commanding position among the Institutions of learning of this country, having nearly five hundred students, when the great civil war dispersed its students and shattered its endowment. In 1872 its doors were closed and were not re-opened until September, 1875. In the fourth year after this re-opening the number of matriculates was 200. It is evidently rapidly regaining its former prosperity. The University is under the control of a Board of 72 Trustees elected by the joint vote of the General Assembly. Of these one-fourth go out of office, and their places are filled every two years. Although not required by law, in practice they are distributed among the Congressional Districts. The Board meets regularly twice a year; in the winter at a day selected by the Chairman, and during commencement

week. The former is called the Annual Meeting. The Governor is ex-officio Chairman of the Board. Ten constitute a quorum. The University Normal School is held for six weeks in the summer vacations. In 1878 there were over four hundred "teachers and those desiring to teach" in attendance, including some of the most experienced teachers in the State. All the branches usual in our public schools were taught, and besides for the more advanced—Latin, Algebra, Higher English, Chemistry. The Kindergarten system was likewise unfolded by a skilled instructor, Miss Coe, of New York. Care was taken to secure the services of experts in Normal methods. Prof. J. J. Ladd, late Superintendent of the public schools of Staunton, Va., was Superintendent of the School. He delivered many lectures on school discipline, organization, &c., &c. The enthusiasm aroused by the University Normal School has given a strong impetus to the cause of education in this State.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT,

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In compliance with section 17, article 3, of the State Constitution, the Legislature passed an act March 12th, 1877, for the creation of the Department. The Board consists of the Governor, the President of the University, the Master of the State Grange Patrons of Husbandry, the President of the State Agricultural Society, the State Geologist, and J. R. Thigpen, of Edgecombe county, and Jonathan Evans, of Cumberland county. L. L. Polk, of Anson, Commissioner; Thos. J. Robinson, of Cumberland, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. A. R. Ledoux, of N. Y., Analytical Chemist; Geo. Warnecke, of Germany, Assistant Chemist; Wm. B. Phillips, of Orange, Assistant Chemist. The Department has a corps of correspondents representing every county and almost every township in the State, through whose aid the Commissioner is enabled to collect specimens of the various products—to collect and disseminate such information as relates to the various resources, industries and conditions of our people. A Museum is connected with the office, where is displayed the collection of specimens, maps of counties, charts, &c. The Fertilizer Control Station, under the direction of Dr. Ledoux, at Chapel Hill, analyzes fertilizers, soils, waters, minerals, chemicals, &c., for the farmers of the State. The Department is sustained entirely by a tax on fertilizers, and is the only one in America that is kept up without a tax on the people. Although it is yet in its infancy, it has accomplished much good and will doubtless do a great work in building up the material prosperity of the State.

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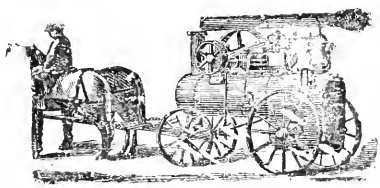

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